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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

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CWP-18910-2025 (O & M)
Date of decision: 10.07.2025

Renu Bala

....Petitioner

Versus

The Principal Secretary Department of Finance Govt. Of Punjab and
others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Mukesh Arora, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG, Punjab.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. Learned counsel contends that the benefit of one additional increment for higher responsibility in terms of Appendix 'A' of the Punjab Education Service (School and Inspection General Cadre) Group A Service Rules, 2018, is not granted to the petitioner, on her being transfer/deputed to the post of District Education Officer (Secondary Education), Barnala, vide order dated 26.11.2022, Annexure P-2, regarding which a legal notice dated 18.04.2025, Annexure P-8, has been served upon the respondents, but the same has yet not evoked any response. Learned counsel, on instructions, prays that a direction may be given to the respondents to decide the same in a time bound manner, to which learned State counsel has no objection.

2. In view of the above and without commenting upon the merits of the case, this petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 18.04.2025 within a period of 6 months, which this Court has no reason to believe the authorities would not address in a just, fair and reasonable manner. Upon doing so, after notice and hearing offered to her and if found entitled, grant the benefit forthwith. Needless to say, if the orders are adverse to her interest, the same shall contain reasons and the petitioner shall be free to seek legal redress thereupon.

10.07.2025

parveen kumar

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No
Whether reportable : Yes / No