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

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CWP-19159-2025 (O & M)
Date of decision: 11.07.2025

Harjinder Singh and another

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Nitesh Singla, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Ms. Shruti, AAG, Punjab.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer made is for directing the respondent-department to remove the pay anomaly between the petitioners/seniors and juniors govt. employees.
2. Learned counsel submits that it is in view of the Notification dated 22.08.2019, the petitioners, who are working as Punjabi Masters, are entitled to the pay that is being drawn by their juniors, who were appointed in 2008 in the Master Cadre and granted to similarly circumstanced employees, vide orders dated 12.01.2023 and 06.05.2025, Annexures P-7 and P-8, regarding which a legal notice dated 26.03.2025, Annexure P-6, has been served upon the respondents, which has yet not evoked any response. He, 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.

3. 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 26.03.2025, 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 them and if found entitled, grant the benefit forthwith. Needless to say, if the orders are adverse to their interest, the same shall contain reasons and the petitioners shall be free to seek legal redress thereupon.

11.07.2025

parveen kumar

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

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