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

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CWP-19862-2025 (O & M)
Date of decision: 17.07.2025

Santokh Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

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

Ms. Shruti, AAG, Punjab.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer made is for directing the respondents to grant pay scale of Rs.5000-8100 w.e.f. 01.01.1996, to the petitioner.

2. Learned counsel submits that the issue already stands decided by this Court in CWP-23551-2019 titled as **Raj Kumar Mahajan vs. State of Punjab and Others**, decided on 20.12.2022, against which the LPA-1901-2023 filed by the State was also dismissed on 30.11.2023, Annexure P-14, which was implemented vide order dated 29.08.2024, vide which the clerks were granted the pay grade of Rs.5000-8100/- as also in the case of **Anil Kumar and others vs. State of Punjab and others**, CWP-22422-2010, decided on 16.05.2012, against which LPA-1729-2012, filed by the State, was also dismissed on 05.02.2014 and which stood upheld by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP-21590-2014,

decided on 07.01.2015. Thus on the same analogy, the petitioner, who was working on the higher post of Junior Assistant, is entitled to one step higher grade i.e. Rs.5000-8100/-. In this regard, a legal notice dated 12.03.2025, Annexure P-10, has been served upon respondents, but the same has yet not evoked any response. He thus, at this stage, on instructions from the petitioner, prays that a direction 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 on the merits of the case, this petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 12.03.2025, taking note of the afore-referred order and judgments, within a period of 4 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 him and if found entitled, grant the benefit forthwith. Needless to say, if the orders are adverse to his interest, the same shall contain reasons and the petitioner shall be free to seek legal redress thereupon.

17.07.2025

parveen kumar

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

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