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

CWP-24853-2025

Date of decision: 26.08.2025

Janak Raj and another

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR**Present:** Mr. Nitesh Singla, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Vikas Arora, DAG, Punjab.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

The present civil writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing respondents to grant the petitioner pay scale of Rs.5000-8100 w.e.f. 11.03.1996 instead of 4400-7000 i.e. from the date of their designation as Junior Assistants in view of the judgment dated 30.11.2023 (Annexure P-6).

Learned counsel for the petitioners 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-6, 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



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Supreme Court in SLP-21590-2014, decided on 07.01.2015. Thus on the same analogy, the petitioners, who were working on the higher post of Junior Assistant, is entitled to one step higher grade i.e. Rs.5000-8100/-. In this regard, a representation dated 13.05.2025, Annexure P-12, has been served upon respondents, but the same has yet not evoked any response. He thus, at this stage, on instructions from the petitioners, 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.

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 representation dated 13.05.2025, 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 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.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

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