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

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CWP 28202 of 2025

Date of Decision: 22.09.2025

Ranjit Singh and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.S.SHEKHAWAT

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

N.S.SHEKHAWAT, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioners have filed the present writ petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India claiming the following reliefs:-

“CIVIL WRIT PETITION under Articles 226 of the Constitution of India for the issuance of an appropriate writ, order or direction especially in the nature of Mandamus for the issuance of direction to respondent department to grant the petitioners one additional increment in addition to their normal pay and further to grant the one additional increment on their promotion to the higher post as a Special Incentive due to serving in the "Border Areas" of State of Punjab in view of Rule 5 of Punjab Education Department Ministerial and Non-Teaching Staff (Border Area) Group C Services Rule 2018 dated 10.05.2018 (ANNEXURE P-2), and Punjab Education Department Ministerial Staff (Border

Area) Group B, rules 2018 dated 08.08.2018 (ANNEXURE P-3) and other relevant service rules, along with arrears of pay with interest @ 9% per annum.

and

Further prayed that petitioners may kindly be exempted from filing the certified copies of Annexures attached along with the present Civil Writ Petition and also allow the petitioners to place on record Photostat/dim/downloaded copies of few of the Annexures and identity cards/Aadhar cards”.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners have served a legal notice dated 27.06.2025 (Annexure P-6) on the respondents, but the same is still pending with the respondents. At this stage, he will be satisfied, in case, the appropriate directions are issued to the respondents to decide the aforesaid legal notice in a time bound manner.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Charanpreet Singh, AAG, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents and has no serious objection to the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners, at this stage.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record carefully.

6. At this stage, it would be appropriate to direct the respondent No.2 to decide the legal notice dated 27.06.2025

(Annexure P-7) within a period of four months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

8. Needless to observe that the respondent No.2 shall pass a speaking and well reasoned order as per relevant rules/instructions and in case, it is found that the petitioners are entitled to relief claimed in the aforesaid legal notice, all consequential benefits may also be released to the petitioners forthwith along with some reasonable rate of interest.

9. Disposed off in the aforesaid terms.

22.09.2025
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(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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