



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

CWP-6606-2026 (O&M)

Date of decision: 24.03.2026

Lakhpat Singh and others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present: Mr. Ravinder Malik, Senior Advocate, with
Mr. Aman Nain, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Sahil R. Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

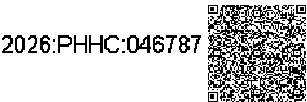
KULDEEP TIWARI, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioners, by instituting the instant writ petition under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, question the legality of the order dated 28.08.2025 (Annexure P-12), passed by respondent No.2, whereby, their claim for grant of pay scale of Rs. 5910-20200+3000 (Grade Pay), has been rejected, in contravention of the recommendations of the Shetty Commission.

2. Learned Senior counsel for the petitioners submits that, apparently, the impugned order is cryptic, being devoid of any reason, whatsoever, and therefore, the same is liable to be quashed, on this score alone.

3. Before proceeding further with the matter, it would be expedient to refer to the order dated 06.03.2026, passed by this Court:-

“Learned State counsel, who is on an advance notice, is directed to have apposite instructions from the quarter concerned, as to whether, the authority concerned, has passed any reasoned order, declining the relief of granting pay scale of 5910-20200+3000 Grade Pay, to the petitioners or not?”



Adjourned to 24.03.2026.

At this stage, Mr. Sourabh Goel, Advocate, who is also on an advance notice, has caused appearance on behalf of respondent no.3, through a validly executed power of attorney in his favour. The same is taken on record.

4. In response, learned State counsel, on instructions from Mr. Ravi Katoch, Under Secretary, Department of Justice, submits that, in fact, an inter-departmental communication has been assailed by the petitioners, and the authorities are yet to pass a speaking order. He fairly submits that the speaking order shall be passed within four weeks from today.
5. In view of the abovesaid fair stand set out on behalf of the State, this Court is not required to delve any further into the merits of the matter. Accordingly, the instant writ petition is **disposed of**, with a Mandamus upon the competent authority, amongst the respondents, to decide the claim of the petitioners, by passing a comprehensive order, in accordance with law, within four weeks from today, after affording opportunity of hearing to the petitioners.
6. This Court is sanguine that the authorities concerned shall strictly adhere to the timeline, as indicated by the learned State counsel.

(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

24.03.2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether reportable	Yes/No