



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-6640-2026

Date of decision: 06.03.2026

Sonia and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

The State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present : Mr. Rajinder Singh Mann, Advocate and
Mr. Harmandeep Mann, Advocate for the petitioners.

NAMIT KUMAR, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioners under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, seeking a writ of mandamus, directing the respondents to grant the petitioners salary in the minimum of the regular pay scale with DA in the same terms as allowed to the other similarly situated petitioners in CWP No.26367 of 2018, decided on 25.11.2024 (Annexure P-4) implemented vide order dated 13.05.2025 as per statement made in COCP No.1178 of 2025 (Annexure P-5) and office orders dated 19.06.2025 and 03.07.2025 (Annexures P-6 and P-7 respectively), in view of the judgments of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *State of Punjab v. Jagjit Singh : 2016 SCT 641* and *Sabha Shankar Dubey v. Divisional Forest Officer and others : 2019(1) SCT 4618*.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that for redressal of their grievances, the petitioners have also served legal notice dated 27.11.2025 (Annexure P-10) on the respondents which is

still pending consideration. He further submits that at this stage, the petitioners would be satisfied, if appropriate directions are issued to the respondents to consider and decide the said legal notice, by passing a speaking order, in a time bound manner.

3. Notice of motion.
4. Mr. Surya Kumar, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 and 2. He has no objection to the innocuous prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners.
5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record of the case.
6. Without going into the merits of the case at this stage, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3 to decide legal notice dated 27.11.2025 (Annexure P-10) served by the petitioners expeditiously, by passing a speaking order after affording an opportunity of hearing to them, preferably within a period of 03 months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. Further, the decision taken thereon shall be conveyed to the petitioners. Needless to add, if the petitioners are found entitled to, necessary benefits shall be released to them within a period of one month thereafter.
7. A copy of this order be sent to respondent No.3 for information and necessary compliance forthwith.

06.03.2026

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(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Whether reportable

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Yes/No

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Yes/No