



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

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CWP-8015-2026

Date of decision : 17.03.2026

Deepak Kumar and others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. Ishan Gupta, Advocate with
Ms. Vrinda Katoch, 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 issuance of certiorari for quashing/setting aside impugned instructions dated 17.07.2020 (Annexure P-2), issued by the respondent/Finance Department, whereby the petitioners have been granted pay scale of Rs.47,600/- (Level 8) for Sub-Divisional Officer (Panchayati Raj) as per 7th Central Pay Commission, instead of the basic of Punjab Pay Scale/Pattern, as mentioned in the Punjab Rural Development and Panchayats (Group-A) Technical Service Rules, 2016 (Annexure P-1) which has resulted in an anomaly of pay scales of Sub-Divisional Officer (Panchayati Raj) working on the same rank/post. Further, seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus, directing the respondents to remove the existing pay anomalies for Sub-Divisional Officer (Panchayati Raj) recruited through direct appointment after 17.07.2020 vis-a-vis Sub-Divisional Officer (Panchayati Raj) appointed/promoted on or before 17.07.2020 under the Department of Rural Development and Panchayats and to grant the petitioners pay scale of Rs.15,600+39,100 + 5,400/- Grade Pay, as revised from time to time.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that for redressal of their grievances, the petitioners have also submitted representation dated 05.03.2026 (Annexure P-7) to the respondents



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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 representation, by passing a speaking order, in a time bound manner.

3. Notice of motion.
4. Mr. Satnampreet Singh Chauhan, D.A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-State. 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 consider and decide representation dated 05.03.2026 (Annexure P-7) submitted by the petitioners expeditiously, by passing a speaking order after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioners, 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 say, if the petitioners are found entitled to the relief sought, the same shall be granted to them within a period of 01 month thereafter.

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(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

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