



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

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CWP-9357-2026

Date of decision : 27.03.2026

Gurpreet Kaur and others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. Inder Preet Singh, 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 the minimum of the pay scale i.e. Basic Pay + Grade Pay + Dearness Allowance, as revised from time to time, at par with the regular cadre post of Psychiatric Social Worker equivalent mental-health post, instead of fixed consolidated remuneration, from the date(s) of their initial contractual appointment(s), with consequential arrears along with interest @ 12 % per annum in view of the judgment passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court in *State of Punjab and others Vs. Jagjit Singh : 2016 (4) SCT 641*.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that for redressal of their grievances, the petitioners have also served legal notice dated 29.01.2026 (Annexure P-2) to 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



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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, A.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 legal notice dated 29.01.2026 (Annexure P-2) 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.

27.03.2026
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(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

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