



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

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CWP-9360-2026

Date of decision : 27.03.2026

Rajnit Mittal 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 09.12.2025 (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 09.12.2025 (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