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

CWP-12126-2025

Date of decision: 29.01.2026

Sonia Rani and others

.... Petitioners

Versus

Union of India and others

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. Gurjant Singh, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Ms. Neha Jain, Senior Panel Counsel, Union of India,
for respondent No.1.

Mr. Surya Kumar, AAG, Punjab, for respondents No.2 to 4.

NAMIT KUMAR, J. (ORAL)

1. Petitioners are seeking a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to consider them fully eligible for their respective posts on which they were working in previous scheme, which has now been replaced with Mission Vatsalaya, instead of appointing fresh candidates having no experience.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that for redressal of their grievance, the petitioners have also served a legal notice dated 05.04.2025 (Annexure P-8) upon 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 respondent No.1 to consider

and decide the said legal notice, by passing a speaking order, in a time bound manner.

3. Learned counsels for respondent No.1 and respondents No.2 to 4 have no objection to the innocuous prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record of the case.

5. Without going into the merits of the case at this stage, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.1 to decide legal notice dated 05.04.2025 (Annexure P-8) submitted by the petitioners expeditiously, by passing a speaking order after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioners, preferably within a period of 04 months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. Further, the decision taken thereon shall be conveyed to the petitioners.

6. Liberty is granted to the petitioners to supplement the said legal notice within a period of 02 weeks from today.

(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

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