



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

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CWP-17335-2026

Date of decision : 27.05.2026

Harjinder Singh and others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. Vishal Gupta, Advocate for the petitioners.

NAMIT KUMAR J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioners under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking issuance of a writ of certiorari for quashing the action of the respondents, whereby the claim of the petitioners in re-fixing the pay at level 5 as per 7th Central Pay Commission recommendations corresponding to the pay scale of Rs.5910-20200 + 3000 G.P. being attached to the post of Medical Laboratory Technician Grade-II as on 01.01.2006, has been rejected and for quashing the letter dated 22.12.2020 (Annexure P-3) issued by the Finance Department, Government of Punjab, whereby the pay scale of the petitioners has been wrongly fixed. Further, seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to grant the pay scale to the petitioners as per the Service Rules applicable to the post of the petitioners i.e. 10300-34800 + 3600 G.P. (Rs.35400/- Level 6 as per 7th CPC) and for payment of the arrears of salary along with interest @ 18% per annum from the date the amount became due till the date of payment.

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2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that for redressal of their grievances, the petitioners have also served legal notice dated 21.04.2026 (Annexure P-12) 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 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. 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 petitioner.

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 21.04.2026 (Annexure P-12) 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.

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(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No