



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

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**CWP-10978-2026 (O&M)
Date of decision: 10.04.2026**

Jarnail Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR**Present:** Mr. Harshit Jain, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Jastej Singh, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

Mr. Harkirat Singh Randhawa, Advocate
for respondent No.4.**HARPREET SINGH BRAR J. (Oral)**

1. Prayer in this writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, is for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus, directing the respondents to grant the petitioner grade pay at par with a similarly situated employee along with revision of pension and release of consequential arrears with interest and to direct the respondents to decide the legal notice/representation dated 14.08.2025 (Annexure P-1) submitted by the petitioner.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he would be satisfied if the legal notice dated 14.08.2025 (Annexure P-1) of the petitioner is decided by respondent No.4 by passing a speaking order in a time bound manner.

3. Mr. Harkirat Singh Randhawa, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of respondent No.4 and file Memo of Appearance,



which is taken on record. The Registry is directed to tag the same at appropriate place.

4. Learned counsel for respondent No.4 submits that the present petition suffers from the vice of delay and laches as the petitioner stood retired on 31.05.2015.

5. However, learned counsel for respondent No.4 as well as learned State counsel, appearing on advance notice, submits that they have no objection, in case a direction is issued to respondent No.4 for time-bound consideration and decision of the legal notice dated 14.08.2025 (Annexure P-1) filed by the petitioner by passing a speaking order.

6. Therefore, in view of the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner, the respondent No.4 is directed to consider the legal notice dated 14.08.2025 (Annexure P-1) of the petitioner and pass a speaking order, after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner, within a period of 03 months from the date of receiving a certified copy of this order. Further, the decision taken thereof shall be conveyed to the petitioner. Needless to say, if the petitioner is found entitled to the relief sought, the same shall be granted forthwith by respondent No.4.

7. Disposed of, accordingly.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

10.04.2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No