



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

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CWP-10976-2026

Date of decision : 10.04.2026

Balwinder Kaur and others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. Pawan Kumar, Senior Advocate assisted by
Ms. Vidushi Kumar and Ms. Seema Rani,
Advocates 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 mandamus, directing the respondents to grant the petitioners, who are working/retired on the post of Treasury Officer at various districts of the State of Punjab and were initially appointed on the post of Steno-Typist, one step higher pay scale than Clerks w.e.f. 01.01.1996 with all consequential benefits along with arrears and interest @ 12% per annum.

2. Learned Senior counsel for the petitioners submits that the case of the petitioners is squarely covered by the judgment passed by this Court in *CWP-18463-2010 titled as 'Satnam Singh and others Vs. The State of Punjab and others' decided on 12.03.2013* (Annexure P-10), which has been upheld upto the Hon'ble Supreme Court and further followed in *CWP-178-2019 titled as 'Jang Bahadur Singh and others Vs. State of Punjab and others' decided on 23.05.2024* (Annexure P-12). He further submits that for redressal of their grievances, the

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petitioners have also served legal notice dated 06.03.2026 (Annexure P-22) 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. Kanav Singla, A.A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-State. He has no objection to the innocuous prayer made by learned Senior 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.2 to consider and decide legal notice dated 06.03.2026 (Annexure P-22) 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.

10.04.2026
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(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No