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

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CWP-18527-2025 (O & M)  
Date of decision: 08.07.2025

Harish Chander and others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and Others

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY**

Present : Mr. Sushil Saini, Advocate,  
for the petitioners.

Mr. Swapan Shorey, DAG, Punjab.

**AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)**

1. Prayer made is for directing the respondents to protect the pay of the petitioners as on 01.01.1996.
2. Learned counsel submits that the petitioners, who were working as Junior Assistants, were entitled to the claim in terms of decision of this Court in **Anil Kumar and others vs. State of Punjab and others**, CWP-22422-2010, decided on 16.05.2012 against which SLP also came to be dismissed, which was granted to similarly circumstanced persons who filed CWP-24583-2015 titled as **Mulkh Raj and others vs. State of Punjab and others**, decided on 21.11.2024 (Annexure P6) whereby a batch of petitions has been disposed of and direction is given to respondents to consider claim in terms thereof as also in CWP-3668-2025, disposed of on 10.02.2025. In this regard, a legal notice dated 15.02.2025,

Annexure P-8, has been served, however, the same has yet not evoked any response. He thus, on instructions, prays that a direction may be given to the respondents to decide the same in a time bound manner, to which learned State counsel has no objection.

3. In view of the above and without commenting upon the merits of the case, this petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 15.02.2025, within a period of 4 months, taking note of the aforesaid judgments, which this Court has no reason to believe the authorities would not address in a just, fair and reasonable manner. Upon doing so, after notice and hearing offered to them and if found entitled, grant the benefit forthwith. Needless to say, if the orders are adverse to their interest, the same shall contain reasons and the petitioners shall be free to seek legal redress thereupon.

08.07.2025

parveen kumar

**(AMAN CHAUDHARY)**  
**JUDGE**

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