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

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CWP-15476-2025
Date of Decision: 27.05.2025

BALWAN SINGH

... Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ.

Present: Mr. Bhim Sain Mittal, Advocate for the petitioner.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present petition is for directing the respondents to step up the pay the petitioner at par with his junior with all consequential benefits including arrears of pay with interest @ 12% per annum.

After arguing at some length, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that with regard to his grievance, the petitioner has got served a legal notice dated 21.04.2025 (Annexure P-2) but the respondents have neither responded to the same nor have they taken any action upon the said legal notice.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Tapan Kumar, DAG, Haryana accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 4 and prays for some time to complete instructions and file response, if necessary.

Learned counsel for the petitioner, however, contends that he would be satisfied at this stage, in case respondent No.2- The Engineer-in-Chief, Irrigation and Water Resources Department, Sinchai Bhawan, Panchkula is directed to consider and decide the legal notice dated 21.04.2025 (Annexure P-2) served by the petitioner, by passing a speaking order in a time bound manner.

Learned State Counsel does not have any objection to the request made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

Accordingly, in view of the above; with the consent of the parties and without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of while directing respondent No.2 to consider and decide the legal notice dated 21.04.2025 (Annexure P-2) by passing a reasoned and speaking order after affording an opportunity of hearing to the respective parties within a period of four months of the receipt of certified copy of this order.

Needless to mention that upon considering the said legal notice, if any amount is found due and payable to the petitioner, the same shall be disbursed in favour of the petitioner within a further period of one month.

MAY 27, 2025.

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**(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No