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

**Sr. No. 222**

**CWP-PIL-22-2024 (O&M)**

**Date of Decision:11.12.2024**

**H.C. ARORA**

**... Petitioner**

**VERSUS**

**UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS**

**...Respondents**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU,CHIEF JUSTICE  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL**

Present: Ms. Sunaina, Advocate for  
Mr. H.C. Arora, Advocate  
for petitioner in person.

Mr. Satya Pal Jain, Additional Solicitor General of India with  
Ms. Bhavana Datta, Sr. Panel Counsel  
for respondent Nos. 1 and 2- Union of India.

Mr. Rohan Mittal, Advocate  
for respondent No.3.

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**SHEEL NAGU,C.J.(ORAL)**

1. Learned counsel for the rival parties do not dispute that the cause raised herein can be adjudicated by passing the same order, which has been passed in similar writ petition i.e. **W.P.(C) 9855-2024 titled as 'Asha Ram and Others vs. Union of India through Ministry of Law and Justice and others'**, decided by Division Bench of Delhi High Court on 19.07.2024, which reads as under:-



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“3. The petitioners, who are members of the Permanent Lok Adalat, set up under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, have approached this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking the following reliefs:

1. *To issue appropriate writ/writs or directions thereby declaring and quashing Rule-3 of The Permanent Lok Adalat (Other Terms And Conditions Of Appointment Of Chairman And Other Persons) Rules, 2003 (as amended from time to time) for being discriminatory, arbitrary, unreasonable, unconstitutional and ultra vires the Constitution of India; and,*
2. *To fix the payments of the petitioners on monthly basis with further directions to provide a provision of facilitating the petitioners to seek relief without deductions of any amount from the monthly remuneration on the pattern of CGRF (Consumer Grievance Redressal Forum).*
3. *To fix the payouts of the petitioners on the basis of last drawn salary minus pension as per Rules OR*
4. *To increase the payouts of the petitioners from Rs.2,000/- per sitting to at-least Rs.5,000/- per sitting from the date of joining with vehicles / charges for travelling as is provided to the Chairman.*
5. *To make a provision of at-least 5% annual increment as is provided to the members of CGRF and ombudsman.*
6. *To increase the payouts during the conduct of Special Lok Adalat.*
7. *Pass such other/further order(s) as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit and proper in the interest of justice."*

4. *After some arguments, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that since the petitioners have been compelled to approach this Court as their repeated representations made to the respondents have gone unanswered, they will, for the present, be satisfied in case the respondent no. 1 is directed to decide their representation in a time bound manner.*

5. *Issue notice. Ms. Dubey accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and submits that the petitioners' representation will be decided expeditiously.*

6. *In the light of the aforesaid stand taken by the parties, the writ petition is disposed of by directing the respondent no. 1 to decide the petitioners' representation dated 26.04.2024 (Annexure P-16 to the petition) within a period of 12 weeks by passing a reasoned and speaking order.*



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7. Needless to state, in case the petitioners are aggrieved by any orders passed by the respondents, it will be open for them to seek legal recourse as permissible in law.”

In view of the above, respondents are directed to decide Demand Notice dated 28.12.2023 (Annexure P-1), moved by the petitioner, in terms of the order passed by Delhi High Court by passing a speaking order within a period of 60 days from the date of receipt of copy of this order and the outcome of the same be communicated to the petitioner.

With the above, the petition is disposed of.

**( SHEEL NAGU )  
CHIEF JUSTICE**

**(ANIL KSHETARPAL )  
JUDGE**

**11.12.2024**

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Whether speaking/reasoned? **Yes/No**

Whether reportable? **Yes/No**