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AT CHANDIGARH**

CWP-23434-2025

Date of decision: 13.08.2025

Narender Sharma and another

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Hardeep Singh Kasan, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Vikrant Pamboo, Additional A.G., Haryana.

Mr. Prince Singh, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

The present civil writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the respondents to decide the claim of the petitioners by passing an appropriate speaking order in a time bound manner as per the earlier order dated 18.02.2025 passed by this Court in CWP No.30440 of 2024 (Annexure P-29).

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners had applied for the post of Grid Sub Station Operator under the EBPGC Category 5 pursuant to an advertisement issued by the respondents. The petitioners successfully cleared the written examination and were thereafter called for scrutiny of documents. Subsequently, they were also called for an interview by respondent No.3, and the final results were published on 12.08.2018. However, the petitioners were placed in the waiting list.

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It is further submitted that vide order dated 18.05.2018, this Court directed the State to grant appointments to all selected candidates under the EBPGC category, where the selection process had been initiated prior to 07.12.2017. Upon obtaining information through an application under the Right to Information Act, the petitioners have come to know that out of the total 46 posts reserved under the EBPGC category, only 39 candidates have actually joined, and 07 posts remain vacant. In these circumstances, it is contended that the petitioners, being on the waiting list, are entitled to be considered for appointment against the said vacant posts

Learned counsel for respondent No.2 submits that clarification has been sought from the State Government with regard to operation of the waiting list beyond one year and he further submits that after the receipt of the clarification from the Chief Secretary, the competent authority would consider the claim of the petitioners in accordance with law. However, he could not controvert the fact that seven posts are still lying vacant and the petitioners are placed at serial numbers 1 & 2 of the waiting list.

Mr. Vikrant Pamboo, Additional A.G., Haryana puts in appearance on receipt of advance notice and submits that the decision on the clarification sought by respondent No.2 would be taken expeditiously.

In view of the discussion above, the present writ petition is disposed of and respondent No.1 is directed to take decision on the clarification sought by respondent No.2 within a period of 08 weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order and the decision taken thereof shall be conveyed to the petitioners forthwith and respondent No.2 is directed to further decide the

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claim of the petitioners by treating the instant writ petition as representation within a period of two months, thereafter by passing a speaking order, after affording them an opportunity to be heard. Further, the decision taken thereof shall be conveyed to the petitioners. Needless to say, if the petitioners are found entitled to the relief sought, the same shall be granted forthwith by the respondents.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

13.08.2025*Neha*

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