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

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CWP 26736 of 2025

**Date of Decision: 09.09.2025**

Sandeep Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.S.SHEKHAWAT**

Present : Mr. Nikhil Anand, Advocate  
for the petitioners.

**N.S.SHEKHAWAT, J. (Oral)**

1. The petitioner has filed the present writ petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India with a prayer to issue a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the respondents to consider and decide the legal notice dated 02.05.2025 (Annexure P-8) in light of directions given by this Hon'ble Court in Para 34(b) of judgment dated 18.01.2022 passed in Civil Writ Petition No. 7138 of 2017 (Annexure P-1) titled as '**Vikas and Another Vs State of Haryana and Another**' as well as sanction order dated 24.03.2025 (Annexure P-6) issued by Government of Punjab, Department of Animal Husbandry, Punjab wherein sanction was accorded to fill up 36 posts de-reserved from physically handicapped category from General category in time-bound manner. The petitioner has further prayed for issuance of a writ in the nature of *certiorari* by quashing the order/list

dated 26.04.2025 (Annexure P-7) only to the extent that 19 candidates from SC/BC category who had joined the services as Veterinary Inspectors in Department of Animal Husbandry, Punjab under SC/BC Category have been shifted to General category upon de-reservation of 36 posts of physically handicapped category as well as 12 posts on account of non-joining of candidates with further prayer for quashing the order dated 24.07.2025 (Annexure P-11) passed by Respondent-Selection Board wherein the respondent-board has rejected to rectify the said action and further for issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the respondents to fill up all 48 posts occurring on account of de-reservation of 36 posts of physically handicapped category and 12 posts occurring on account of non-joining of candidates strictly from the combined merit list in order of merit.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the case of the petitioner is covered by the ratio of the law laid down by this Court in Civil Writ Petition No. 7138 of 2017 titled as '**Vikas and Another Vs State of Haryana and Another**' (Annexure P-1).

3. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner has already submitted a representation-cum-legal notice dated 02.05.2025 (Annexure P-8) to the official respondents and he shall be satisfied in case, appropriate directions are issued to the respondents to decide the representation-cum-legal dated 02.05.2025 (Annexure P-8) in a time bound manner.

4. Notice of motion.
5. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Surya Kumar, AAG, Punjab who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents and has no serious objection to the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner, at this stage.
6. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record carefully.
7. At this stage, it would be appropriate to direct the respondent No.2 to representation-cum-legal notice dated 02.05.2025 (Annexure P-8) in view of the law laid down by this Court in **Civil Writ Petition No. 7138 of 2017 titled as 'Vikas and Another Vs State of Haryana and Another' (Annexure P-1)** within a period of three months of date of receipt of certified copy of this order.
8. Needless to observe that the respondent No.2 shall pass a speaking and well reasoned order in the light of the above referred judgment as well as relevant rules/instructions and in case, it is found that the petitioner is entitled to relief claimed in the representation, consequently, all benefits may also be released to the petitioner within a period of one month, thereafter.
9. Disposed of in the aforesaid terms.

09.09.2025  
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(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)  
JUDGE

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