



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

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CWP-9934-2006 (O&M)
Date of decision: 01.05.2025

Gurmeet Singh and Others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and Another

...Respondents

CWP-10229-2006 (O&M)

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Saarib Aggarwal, Advocate for the petitioners

Mr. Satnam Preet Singh, DAG Punjab

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer made in the present petitions for directing the respondents to comply with the statutory provisions and make direct recruitment and to fill backlog appointments as also to relax upper age limit of 40 years in case of petitioners, might not due to efflux of time, even be surviving.
2. Learned State counsel refers to para Nos.4 and 5 of the counter affidavit dated 16.01.2009 filed by Under Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Agriculture, to which there was no rebuttal and read thus:

“4. That since the cadre of Agricultural Development Officers, Agricultural Officers Deputy Director Agriculture/Chief Agricultural Officers was merged to form one cadre and three grade structure of pay was given to these categories and placement system was introduced w.e.f.

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18.9.1992, therefore no question arises for filling up the posts of Punjab Agriculture Service-I i.e. Agricultural Officers by direct recruitment as prayed by the petitioners in the present Civil Writ petition.

5. That due to merger of all these three cadres i.e. Agricultural Development Officers, Agricultural Officers Deputy Director Agriculture/Chief Agricultural Officers to form one cadre and declaration of Punjab Agriculture Service-I to all these posts vide Notification No.16/74/92-Agri.-I(1)/15683, dated 26.8.1994, the Department have started the process to recast new set of Punjab Agricultural service (Group-A) Rules and is under active consideration of Punjab Government.”

3. Disposed of, reserving the petitioners with a liberty to get it revived, in case *lis* still survives.

4. A photocopy of this order be placed on the file of connected case.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

01.05.2025

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