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

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Date of Decision: 03.03.2025

Amit

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

Present: - Mr. Shalender Mohan, Advocate for the petitioner

Ms. Rajni Gupta, Additional Advocate General, Haryana

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**JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J.** (Oral)

1. The petitioner through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is seeking setting side of order dated 17.02.2025 (Annexure P-18) passed by respondent No.1 vide which his sports gradation certificate dated 14.03.2022 (Annexure P-9) has been cancelled.

2. The petitioner was issued sports gradation certificate on 14.03.2022. The said certificate was of Grade 'D' falling under Category 13.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that impugned order dated 17.02.2025 has been passed in gross violation of principles of natural justice. The opportunity of hearing which was likely to be granted by Deputy Director (Sports) is a mere eye-wash. The respondent is trying to throw wool over the eyes of eligible candidates by claiming that competent authority would grant opportunity of hearing.

4. Ms. Rajni Gupta, Additional Advocate General, Haryana, who on advance notice is present in Court, assures the Court that competent

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authority would grant fair opportunity to the petitioner as well as other affected sportspersons before passing the final order.

5. As per impugned order, Deputy Director, Sports Board has been asked to give a fair opportunity to all the candidates to put forth their stands. Unless and until the petitioner submits his stand and is rejected by competent authority, it would be premature to say that respondent would mechanically dismiss claim of the petitioner. Higher authorities have not considered individual case of sportspersons who were issued sports gradation certificates. Every candidate has his own merits as well as claim as per applicable policy.

6. In the backdrop, the present petition stands disposed of with liberty to the petitioner to file response before the competent authority.

**(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)**  
**JUDGE**

**03.03.2025***Mohit Kumar*

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