

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH****128****LPA-545-2025****DATE OF DECISION: 30.09.2025****PARMINDER JEET SINGH****... Appellant(s)****Versus****STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS****... Respondent(s)****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK MANCHANDA**

Present: Mr. H.C. Arora, Advocate and  
Mr. Gagandeep Sandhu, Advocate for the appellant.

**ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)**

The appellant has challenged the judgment dated 24.01.2025 passed by the Single Bench whereby writ petition and review application preferred by him seeking his appointment as a Principal under the Ex-Serviceman category has been dismissed.

2. Learned counsel for the appellant submits that the candidature of the appellant has been erroneously rejected, although he was fully eligible for appointment to the post of Principal as lineal descendant of Ex-Serviceman. He also submits that the qualification prescribed essential experience of 5 years and therefore, a person who is already in service cannot be ousted from consideration for appointment.

3. Heard.

4. The appellant is stated to have applied for the post of Principal in the reserved category of Ex-Serviceman pursuant to the advertisement dated 09.03.2019. He is seeking appointment in that category being the lineal descendant of Ex-Serviceman in terms of Clauses 15.3.4 to 15.3.7 of the advertisement.

However, Clause 15.3.5 of the advertisement stipulates that the lineal descendant of an Ex-Serviceman would be considered only if there is no Ex-Serviceman available who is eligible for the advertised post. Clause 15.3.6 further prescribes that the wife or the lineal descendant child could be considered provided:

- (i) he/she possesses the prescribed qualifications and within the age limit;
- (ii) **he or she is not already in service;**
- (iii) **he or she will be eligible to avail the benefit only once in life.**

(emphasis supplied)

5. It is manifest that the appellant was already working as Computer Faculty in Punjab Information and Communication Technology Education Society (PICTES) at a salary of Rs.65,000/- and had been appointed under the reserved category of dependent of Ex-serviceman. The advertisement clearly stipulates that the benefit could be availed only once in a life time. The appellant having not challenged the terms and conditions set out in the advertisement at the initial stage cannot challenge the selection process after consciously participating in it. His eligibility has to be tested as per the terms and conditions set out therein. The appellant being in service and having availed the benefit of reservation under the category of dependant of Ex-serviceman during his life time, was not eligible to compete for the post in question under the reserved category of Ex-serviceman being the lineal descendant, in view of Clause 15.3.6 (iii).

6. Consequently, the Letters Patent Appeal being devoid of any merit, stands dismissed.

**(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)**  
**JUDGE**

**(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)**  
**JUDGE**

**30.09.2025**

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