



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

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CWP-23003-2025 (O&amp;M)

Date of decision: 08.08.2025

Avtar Singh

..Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

..Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY**

Present: Mr. GS Bal, Sr. Advocate with  
Mr. Dilshad S. Gill, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Satnam Preet Singh, DAG, Punjab.

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**AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (Oral)**

1. Prayer made in the present petition for directing the respondents to consider and promote the petitioner as Soil Conservation office at par with his juniors.
2. Learned Senior counsel submits that the petitioner who was appointed as Surveyour in Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, Punjab, through open advertisement dated 28.12.2016, is entitled for promotion in terms of the statutory rules after having completed 7 years of service against 18% quota, however, his claim is not being considered while the juniors who were at seniority No.626, 630, 640 to 642, 645 & 650 have been promoted against General Category vide order dated 04.07.2025 (Annexure P5) while he is at 616. Reliance is placed on AICTE Circular dated 17.09.2020 (Annexure P6). In this regard, a representation dated 03.06.2025, Annexure P5, has been submitted, however, the same has yet not evoked any response. He thus, on instructions, prays that a direction may be given to the respondents to decide the same in a time bound manner.

3. Learned State counsel has no objection to the limited prayer made.
4. In view of the above and without commenting upon the merits of the case, this petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the representation dated 03.06.2025, taking note of the aforesaid circular, within a period of 6 months, which this Court has no reason to believe the authorities would not address in a just, fair and reasonable manner. Upon doing so, after notice and hearing offered to him and if found entitled, grant the benefit forthwith. Needless to say, if the orders are adverse to his interest, the same shall contain reasons and the petitioner shall be free to seek legal redress thereupon.

**08.08.2025**  
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**( AMAN CHAUDHARY )**  
**JUDGE**

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