



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

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CWP-6341-2021 (O&M)
Date of decision: 17.02.2025

Avtar Singh and Another

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and Others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Rakesh Sobti, Advocate for the petitioners

Mr. Satnam Preet Singh, DAG Punjab

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. The prayer made in the present petition is for quashing the orders dated 22.02.2021, Annexure P-11, vide which the claim for stepping pay of the petitioners equal to the SC category officials, has been rejected.
2. Learned counsel submits that the petitioners had claimed stepping up of pay equivalent to two juniors namely Sukhtej Singh and Jaspal Singh, who belong to the Scheduled Castes in the cadre of Senior Assistants in terms of the instructions dated 14.03.2017. In the reply, the claim is sought to be rejected on two grounds, firstly, the petitioner had not been cleared the exam, however, as on date the promotion was given to the aforesaid two officials, the petitioner had already cleared the same and secondly the comparison has been made only qua Sukhtej Singh and not Jaspal Singh.
3. The aforesaid facts having been brought out, during the course of hearing, learned State counsel, on instructions, states that the respondents would not be averse to have a relook at the matter and decided afresh within a period of 6

months, uninfluenced by the memo/orders impugned in the present case, which this Court has no reason to believe the authorities would not address in a just, fair and reasonable manner.

4. The aforesaid satisfies the learned counsel for the petitioner.

5. The matter stands disposed of accordingly and if the petitioners are found entitled, grant the benefit forthwith. Needless to say, if the orders are adverse to their interest, the same may be passed after granting opportunity of hearing to them and shall contain reasons, whereupon they shall be free to seek legal redress thereupon.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

17.02.2025

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