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

CWP-27993-2025

Date of decision: 08.10.2025

Puneet Singla and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR**Present:** Ms. Somya Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Saurav Verma, Addl.A.G., Punjab.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. The present civil writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the respondents to conduct the type test and to complete the selection and appointment process for the posts of Senior Assistants/Inspectors in terms of the advertisement No.6/2023 dated 25.08.2023 (Annexure P-1) in a time bound manner.

2. On 19.09.2025, the following order was passed:-

‘Prayer in this writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, is for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus, directing the respondents to conduct the type test and to complete the selection and appointment process for the posts of Senior Assistants/Inspectors in terms of the advertisement No.6/2023 dated 25.08.2023 (Annexure P-1), in a time bound manner.

Learned counsel for the petitioners, inter alia, contends that respondent No.3 issued advertisement No.6/2023 dated 25.08.2023 (Annexure P-1), for selection to various posts including Senior Assistants/Inspectors, the petitioners being fully eligible applied for the advertised post and a written test was held on 28.01.2024. The result was declared on 11.08.2024 (Annexure



P-2) wherein the petitioners were successful in clearing the written test and they are held eligible for the typing test, which was initially scheduled for 12/13.10.2024, however, the same was cancelled without assigning any reason in March, 2025. The petitioners and similarly circumstanced successful candidates made several representations and a fresh date was fixed on 28.07.2025 and the same was again cancelled as discernible from Annexure P-3, without any justifiable reasons. Further the selection process for Junior Engineers pursuant to the same advertisement have already been completed.

Learned State counsel, appears on advance notice and seeks a short accommodation to have complete instructions in the matter.

Respondents No.3 and 4 are directed to file their respective affidavits with regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, on or before the next date of hearing, failing which they shall remain present before this Court on the adjourned date.

Adjourned to 08.10.2025.'

3. In compliance thereof, a short reply by way of affidavit of Sh. Ravinder Singh, Secretary, Subordinate Services Selection Board, Punjab, on behalf of respondent No.3, has been filed in the Court today which is taken on record.

4. Mr. Saurav Verma, Addl.A.G., Punjab has assured this Court that the respondent-Board is making earnest efforts to conclude the selection process expeditiously. He further submits that the schedule for the typing test has already been announced and it would be conducted on or before 12.12.2025.

5. In the wake of the statement made by Mr. Saurav Verma, Addl.A.G., Punjab on instructions from Ms. Kulwinder Kaur, Assistant Director, the present petition is disposed of and the respondent-Board is directed to hold a type test on or before 12.12.2025 and conclude the selection process by 24.12.2025. However, it is made clear that in case, the respondent-

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Board deviates from the undertaking given before this Court, the petitioners would be at liberty to move an appropriate application under Article 215 of Constitution of India seeking initiation of contempt of Court proceedings against the officials concerned.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

08.10.2025*Neha*

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