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

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Date of Decision: 16.09.2025

Jyoti Preet Rai

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present: - Mr. Anil Dutt Gaur, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Aman Dhir, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner through instant petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is seeking setting aside of order dated 25.07.2024 whereby her claim has been declined by respondent by passing non-speaking order. She is further seeking setting aside of final merit list to the extent she has not been selected on the post of Sub-Inspector.

2. The petitioner, pursuant to Advertisement No.7/2021 dated 09.09.2021, applied for the post of Sub-Inspector in the Technical and Support Services Cadre of Punjab Police. She belongs to Scheduled Caste (Ramdasia and Others) Category. She applied for three specializations namely (i) Data Mining, (ii) Data Analytic and (iii) Programming Coding. She scored 49.44576 marks. Her name did not feature in the provisional result dated 25.05.2023. Her name also did not feature in the final merit list dated 14.10.2023. She visited office of the respondent but to no avail. She served legal notice dated 19.05.2025 upon the respondent which came to be disposed of vide communication dated 25.07.2025.



3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner belongs to Scheduled Caste Category. She has been discriminated. Her father passed away in 1997. She was not aware of her rights, thus, could not make representation within time and thereafter could not approach this Court. She had scored more marks than last selected candidate still was not selected. She was also unaware of the Court procedure.

4. Mr. Aman Dhir, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, who on advance notice is present in Court on behalf of respondent-State, submits that selection process completed in October' 2023. The petitioner remained silent for almost two years and at this stage, is raising question of her entitlement.

5. I have heard the arguments of learned counsel for both sides and perused the record with their able assistance.

6. From the perusal of record, it is evident that provisional result was declared on 25.05.2023. The petitioner, at that stage, was supposed to avail her remedy but she remained silent. The final result was declared on 14.10.2023 i.e. after almost five months from the date of provisional result. She made written representation in the form of legal notice on 19.05.2025. She has pleaded that on account of death of her father and being female Schedule Caste, could not approach authorities and this Court within time. The delay should be ignored and she should be considered for the post.

7. Contention of the petitioner cannot be countenanced at this stage. It is matter of selection process. The selected candidates have already joined service. It is not case of the petitioner that in her place a candidate belonging to General Category has been selected. The selected candidate

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also belongs to Scheduled Caste Category. Any order of this Court, at this stage, would certainly disturb life of a selected candidate. The explanation advanced by the petitioner for delay is not plausible. This Court after the expiry of almost two years from the date of final result cannot interfere with the selection process.

8. In the wake of above discussion and findings, this Court is of the considered opinion that present petition being bereft of merit deserves to be dismissed and accordingly dismissed.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

16.09.2025*Mohit Kumar*

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