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

CWP-12518-2001 O&M)
Date of decision: 14.07.2026

Sita Ram and another

.... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL

Present: None for the petitioners.

Mr. T.P.S. Walia, AAG, Punjab.

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of certiorari for quashing the selection and appointment made to the post of Block Development and Panchayat Officer under the Handicapped Category, being totally illegal and arbitrary.

2. Factual backdrop presented before this Court is that the respondent No.2 advertised three posts of BDPO under the handicapped category along with other various posts, vide advertisement published in the English Tribune on 16.09.2000 (Annexure P-1). The petitioner No.1 claims himself to be fully eligible for the said post under the handicapped category

being in service at the post of Inspector in Economic and Statistical Organisation, Punjab, having born with natural defect with no arms and his hands are attached with his shoulders, whereas petitioner No.2, possesses the qualification of B.Sc., had worked on the post of BDPO for almost 1 year at Jandiala Guru, Amritsar. He was having disability to the extent of 60% and a certificate to that effect has been attached as Annexure P-4. After oral interviews of the candidates, the petitioners were not selected for appointment for the post of BDPO under the advertisement. However, the candidates selected are not handicapped and thus, ineligible for appointment. Representations filed by the petitioners have been to no avail. Hence, this petition.

3. Notice of motion in the writ petition was issued on 22.08.2001 and the State placed on record the affidavit dated 16.08.2002 of Deputy Secretary to Government, Punjab, Rural Development and Panchayat, Department on behalf of respondents No.1 and 2, stating that the services of such persons has been dispensed with who were appointed as Block Development and Panchayat Officer against handicapped quota vide order dated 02.08.2002 (Annexures R-1 to R-III), and the selection stand quashed.

4. In view of the above, the prayer made in the writ petition has become redundant and consequently, the present petition has become infructuous.

5. Accordingly, the writ petition is dismissed as having been rendered infructuous.
6. Pending applications, if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

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