

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

CWP No.4170 of 2015
Date of decision: 11.03.2015

Ramesh Chander

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI

Present: Mr. Anupam Bhardwaj, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

1. Whether reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?
2. To be referred to the reporters or not?
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the digest?

ARUN PALLI J. (Oral)

Petitioner is serving as an Associate Professor in the department of Radio Diagnosis at Government Medical College, Amritsar. Next promotion from the post of Associate Professor is to the post of Professor. It is averred that a meeting of the Departmental Promotion Committee was held in this regard in February, 2015, and vide a letter, the Selection Committee apprised the Principal, Medical College, Amritsar, the names of those doctors, who are found to be within the zone of consideration for promotion to the posts of Professor and Associate Professor. It is maintained that there is only one vacant post of Professor in the department of Radio Diagnosis and the same is reserved for a SC category candidate. Since, petitioner belongs to the Scheduled Castes category and is

fully eligible, and in the absence of any other eligible candidate, he is entitled for consideration for promotion. However, the name of the petitioner does not figure in the list of doctors, who are purported to be in the zone of consideration for promotion. That being so, petitioner had submitted objections/ representation to the Director, Department of Research and Medical Education, Punjab, Chandigarh i.e. respondent No.2, vide representation dated 26.02.2015 (Annexure P4).

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that since his objections/representation is pending consideration before respondent No.2, at this stage, let this petition be disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to consider and decide his representation. And since, Departmental Promotion Committee is slated to be convened shortly, let his representation be decided within a stipulated time.

In the wake of the position as set out above, without expressing any opinion on merits, this petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2, to consider and decide the claim of the petitioner, as made out in his representation dated 26.02.2015 (Annexure P4), in accordance with law, within a period of three weeks from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order. Needless to assert, a comprehensive order shall be passed, assigning reasons in support of the decision arrived at.

Copy of this order be given to the counsel for the petitioner under the signatures of Court Secretary attached to this court.

March 11, 2015
Rajan

(Arun Palli)
Judge