

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

CWP No. 4441 of 2015

DATE OF DECISION : 13.03.2015

Manjit Singh and others

.... PETITIONERS

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.... RESPONDENTS

CORAM :- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SATISH KUMAR MITTAL

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present : Mr. R.K. Arora, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

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SATISH KUMAR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

The petitioners, who are Diploma holders and posted as Corporation Engineer in various Municipal Corporations in the State of Punjab, have filed the instant petition challenging the vires of the Punjab Municipal Corporation Services (Recruitment and Conditions of Service) (Second Amendment) Rules, 2015, which have been promulgated with effect from 06.01.2015. By the said amendment, the qualification prescribed for promotion to the post of Corporation Superintending Engineer (Civil) has been changed and only the Degree holders have been given opportunity of promotion to the said post.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that immediately after the said amendment made in the Service Rules, petitioners No.2 and 4

submitted a detailed representation dated 27.02.2015 to the Principal Secretary, Government of Punjab, Department of Local Government (respondent No.1 herein), copy of which has been annexed with the petition as Annexure P-12, making the aforesaid prayer, but the same has not been considered and decided. Learned counsel prays that at this stage, this petition may be disposed of with a direction to respondent No.1 to consider the said representation, particularly in the light of the fact that in view of the aforesaid amendment, there is no chance for the petitioners to be promoted to the post of Corporation Engineer.

After hearing learned counsel for the petitioners, without issuing notice of motion as it will un-necessary delay the matter, we dispose of this petition with a direction to respondent No.1 to consider the representation dated 27.02.2015 (Annexure P-12) keeping in view the difficulties being faced by the Diploma holder Corporation Engineers posted in various Municipal Corporations in the State of Punjab, and decide the same in accordance with law, expeditiously.

(SATISH KUMAR MITTAL)
JUDGE

March 13, 2015
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(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE