

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

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**Civil Writ Petition No.6130 of 2015
Date of Decision:01.04.2015**

Randhir Singh and otherspetitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and othersrespondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE ARUN PALLI

Present: Mr.R.K.Chopra, Senior Advocate with
Ms.Shikha Jaidka, Advocate
for the petitioners

ARUN PALLI, J.(ORAL):-

A writ in the nature of mandamus is prayed for, to direct the respondents to consider and promote the petitioners as Junior Engineers against 15% quota meant for diploma holders from the due dates i.e.when the vacancies in their quota became available particularly, when the non-diploma holders technicians have already been promoted pursuant to their 6% quota.

It is maintained that the petitioners are diploma holders and are engaged as pump operators and under the rules, 15% of the posts of Junior Engineers are meant to be filled by diploma holders. In fact, the Department had sent their certificates to Punjab State Board of Technical Education and Industrial Training, to ascertain the veracity and genuineness of the said documents. And as evident from the letter dated 30.01.2015 (Annexure P8), those certificates were since found to be genuine. However, despite that being so, claim of the petitioners for consideration, for further promotion to

the posts of Junior Engineers is not being considered. So much so, a representation dated 16.02.2015 (Annexure P9), in this regard, has also failed to evoke any response.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that, at this stage, let this petition be disposed of with a direction to the respondents to consider and decide their representation, within a specified time.

That being so, and without expressing any opinion on merits, the instant petition is disposed of, with a direction to the respondents, to consider and decide the claim of the petitioners as set out in their representation dated 16.02.2015 (Annexure P9), strictly, in accordance with law, within a period of three months, 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.

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JUDGE