

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

**CWP No. 750 of 2015
Date of Decision: 21.02.2015**

Gurkewal Singh & ors.

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & ors.

... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV NARAIN RAINA

Present: Mr. RK Arora, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Sushant Maini, Sr. D.A.G., Punjab.

1. To be referred to the Reporters or not?
2. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?

RAJIV NARAIN RAINA, J.(Oral)

Mr. Maini refers to the affidavit dated 27th January, 2015 filed by the Special Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Agriculture, wherein in para. 3 the following has been sworn:-

“That the process of finalization of rules of Group-A services of the Department of Horticulture is currently underway and the Department would make every effort to ensure that these are finalized within three months.”

The assurance given by way of affidavit to the Court is accepted as reasonable time to finalize the pending rules. It is expected that the matter would be concluded in right earnest and within the time frame proposed with a reasonable margin, plus or minus. Needless to say that once the rules are in place, the promotions would be made strictly in accordance with the notified service rules and then nothing observed in the interim order dated 16th January, 2015 will be construed as an expression on the

merits of the claim. When the rules are in place and the posts being superior which are stated to be lying vacant, then needless to say, it is expected that on principles of good governance, timely steps will be taken to call a Departmental Promotion Committee meeting to consider cases of eligible, available and qualified candidates as per rules and to accordingly make recommendations to Government for its consideration to accord promotions as per notified rules of appointment and seniority and to do so without delay.

The petition is disposed of with the above furnished assurance and consequential ancillary directions.

21.02.2015
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(RAJIV NARAIN RAINA)
JUDGE