

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

CWP No.7656 of 2015
Date of decision: 19.05.2015

Parminder Singh and others

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI

Present: Mr. Sanjiv Gupta, Advocate, for the petitioners.

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)

Writ in the nature of mandamus is prayed for, so as to direct the respondents to consider the claim of the petitioners for promotion from the posts of Panchayat Officer and Superintendent Grade-II to the post of Executive Officer, in terms of the Punjab Samitis/Zila Parishad Employees Recruitment Rules read with Section 154(1) of the Punjab Panchayati Raj Act, 1994. Originally the applicants were either engaged as Panchayat Secretary or as Clerk in different Panchayat Samitis and their service conditions were governed by the Punjab Samitis/Zila Parishad Employees Recruitment Rules, as amended from time to time. From the post of Panchayat Secretary the further promotion is to the post of Panchayat Officer, whereas from the post of Clerk the next promotion is to the post of Senior Clerk and thereafter

Superintendent Grade-II. In short, the grievance being expressed by the petitioners is that from the post of Panchayat Officer and Superintendent Grade-II, there is no further avenue of promotion. That being so, petitioners vide representation dated 07.06.2014 (Annexure P2), sought the necessary amendment in the rules so as to obviate stagnation. It is maintained that the claim of the petitioners was even recommended by the Director Rural Development and Panchayat Department Punjab i.e. respondent No.3, vide office note dated 14.11.2011 (Annexure P1). But with no tangible result.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that despite lapse of considerable time, their representation (Annexure P2) continues to await consideration of the authorities, as no formal order has yet been passed thereon. He submits that let this petition be disposed of only with a direction to the respondents to consider and decide the representation (Annexure P2), submitted by the petitioners, within a specified time.

That being so, and without expressing any opinion on merits, this petition is disposed of only with a direction to the respondents to consider and decide the claim of the petitioners, as set out in their representation dated 07.06.2014 (Annexure P2), strictly in accordance with law, within a period of 3 months from the receipt of certified copy of

this order. Needless to assert, a comprehensive order shall be passed, assigning reasons in support of the decision arrived at.

May 19, 2015
Rajan

(Arun Palli)
Judge