

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

**Civil Writ Petition No.22815 of 2016
Date of Decision: 04.11.2016**

Mandeep Kaur

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Naveen Sheokand, Advocate for the petitioner.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is an aspirant for recruitment in the General Category against 1213 posts of Clerks advertised on 27.11.2015 (**Annexure P-1**).

After completion of the selection process, the petitioner in the Merit List dated 11.10.2016 (**Annexure P-4**) was placed at Sr. No.1649, and thus has been denied appointment being beyond the zone of appointment against the advertised posts in the General Category.

The grievance of the petitioner is that the candidates belonging to the Reserved Categories have been given appointment in the General Category and thereby consuming the post meant for General Category Candidates, like the petitioner.

After hearing learned Counsel for the petitioner, no case for interference is warranted.

It is not in dispute that all the candidates belonging to the General Category have secured marks in the selection process, whereby they have come within the zone of appointment in the General Category as well. Therefore, being higher in merit in the General Category, they would be first entitled to be appointed in the General Category. Hence, there is no illegality in the recourse adopted by the respondents.

Accordingly, the present petition stands dismissed.

November 04, 2016
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(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No