

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

**Civil Writ Petition No.20372 of 2015
Decided on : 17.11.2017**

Mangal Ram

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.S. SANDHAWALIA

Present : Mr. R.K. Malik, Senior Advocate with
Ms. Rimple Kadyan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Shruti Jain Goyal, AAG, Haryana.

G.S. Sandhawalia, J. (Oral)

On 03.05.2017 keeping in view the fact that last opportunity was granted to file an affidavit in terms of the order dated 12.08.2016, costs of ₹10,000/- were imposed upon the respondent-State, since reply had not been filed by respondents No.1 & 2 and only filed by respondent No.3-General Manager, Haryana Roadways, Nuh. Costs were promptly deposited on 13.07.2017, but affidavit has still not been filed by the said respondents. Accordingly, this Court has left with no other option but to strike off the defence of the respondents.

Ordered accordingly.

The petitioner seeks a writ in the nature of mandamus to consider the claim for appointment as Driver (Heavy Transport Vehicle) from the date the candidates lower in the merit have been appointed. The denial was made on account of the fact that the original record pertaining to the Driving Licence of the petitioner issued from Faridabad had been destroyed in the fire on 11.05.2002 (Annexure P-3).

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In similar circumstances, vide order dated 15.11.2017 passed in **CWP No.20283 of 2015 'Sarjeet Singh Vs. State of Haryana and others'** benefit has been granted to the petitioner. The present writ petition is also similar in nature and is allowed in the same terms.

NOVEMBER 17, 2017

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**(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No