

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

**CWP No.17141 of 2017 (O&M)
Date of Decision:16.08.2017**

Bhagat Singh

--Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & others

--Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present:- Mr. P.S. Jammu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Avinit Avasthi, AAG, Punjab.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.

Petitioner had applied for the post of Male Constable (Armed Police Cadre) in response to an advertisement dated 31.05.2016 issued by the Punjab Police (Annexure P-3).

Grievance raised in the petition is that the petitioner in pursuance to the selection process has secured 28 marks and has been bracketed with a number of other candidates, who have secured the same marks and the petitioner has been denied appointment to the post on the ground that he is younger in age to the other candidates/private respondents with whom he has been bracketed on the basis of merit determined.

The entire case made out on behalf of the petitioner is that under the Police Department, the normal principle followed is of appointing a candidate who is younger in age even though bracketed in merit with another candidate.

Upon notice of motion having been issued, Mr. Avinit Avasthi,

“vii. Candidates are advised to go through the guidelines/instructions for filling up the Application Form online as well as the Standing order (SO) of the office of Director General of Police vide no.#1 of 2016, which is the governing document for the Recruitment process (2016) of Constables in Punjab Police. The Standing Order contains detailed criteria/eligibility conditions, etc., is available on the recruitment website (www.punjabpolice.recruitment.in).

“(a) in the event of the candidates having equal marks, the candidate senior in age shall be higher in the merit.

(b)	xxx	xxx	xxx
(c)	xxx	xxx	xxx”

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petitioner having applied for the post of Male Constable (Armed Police Cadre) would be governed by the terms and conditions contained in the advertisement dated 31.05.2016 (Annexure P-3). Under the General Instructions, each and every applicant had been put to notice that the Standing Order of the office of Director General of Police, bearing No.1 of 2016 and which is the governing document for the recruitment process would apply and such Standing Order is available on the recruitment website i.e. www.punjabpolicerecruitment.in.

The Standing Order bearing #1 of 2016 which has been perused by this Court and a copy whereof has even been supplied to the counsel for the petitioner mandates that in the eventuality of the candidates being bracketed in merit, candidate senior in age shall be reflected higher in merit.

Even as per pleaded case of the petitioner himself, he stands bracketed in order of merit with other candidates, who otherwise are elder to him in age.

Under such circumstances, no interference in the matter is warranted.

Petition is dismissed.

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JUDGE**

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |