

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

**CWP No. 23199 of 2014
Date of Decision: 11.05.2017**

Sikander Singh & others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. G. S. Nahel, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. L. S. Virk, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

Mrs. Naiya Gill, Advocate
for respondent No. 33.

Mr. M. S. Longia, Advocate
for respondents No. 99, 132, 168, 245, 253, 548, 569 and 626.

Mr. C. L. Premy, Advocate
for respondent No. 193.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The instant writ petition has been filed seeking to challenge the impugne seniority list of Panchayat Secretaries which was prepared in June, 2013 in which the petitioners herein were shown junior to the private respondents herein.

At the time of filing of this writ petition, it was contended that the petitioners were appointed on a regular basis in November, 2003 whereas the private respondents herein were appointed in February, 2004 on temporary/*adhoc*/contract basis. However, in the seniority list that has been circulated in June, 2013, such private respondents have been shown as senior.

After notice of motion was issued, a reply has been filed on behalf of the respondents-State, wherein, it is submitted that the seniority list of Panchayat Secretaries, which has been circulated in June, 2013, is only a provisional list and thereafter objections have been invited from all the persons concerned who would be affected thereunder. Mr. L.S.Virk, Addl. A.G., Punjab urges that at the present moment, there is no cause of action for this Court to interfere as the seniority list is still pending finalization.

Counsel for the petitioners submits that the objections, filed by the petitioners to the seniority list, may be considered before the finalization of the same.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and in view of the fact that the petitioners herein have already filed their objections, which is Annexure P-15, it would be expected of the Department concerned to take the said objections along with other objections into consideration before finalization of the seniority list. Let the exercise be done within a period of four months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Writ petition stands disposed of.

May 11, 2017

Ansari

**(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE**

*Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable*

*Yes/No
Yes/No*