

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

CWP No.19960 of 2017

Date of Decision: 5th September, 2017

Lakhvir Kaur

....Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAKESH KUMAR JAIN

Present: Mr.S.S. Sabharwal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

RAKESH KUMAR JAIN, J. (ORAL)

This petition is filed to challenge the order of appointment of respondent No.5 to the post of Lambardar of village Shahwala, District Ferozepur. Respondent No.5 was recommended by both the recommending authorities to the Collector, who found him suitable for the said post as he has retired as Captain from Army after serving 31 years. He was awarded various appreciation letters. He has been elected as Member, Zila Parishad, member of Block Samiti and also senior vice chairman of Shiromani Shaheed Baba Jiwan Singh Ji Vidayak and Welfare Trust Punjab, Chandigarh. The order of the Collector has been upheld both by the Commissioner and Financial Commissioner and thus concurrent view has been taken by all the revenue authorities on the suitability of respondent No.5 for the post of Lambardar.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that respondent No.5 is a man of 65 years of age whereas petitioner is a woman of 29 years of age and MA, B.Ed. It is also submitted that there is no other

female Lambardar, therefore, the petitioner should have been given the chance.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner and perused the available record.

The post of Lambardar is filled by the Collector on the basis of *inter se* merit of the applicants after adjudging their suitability. Though the petitioner is also having good education and is a young woman, who might have been a good choice but in any case, respondent No.5 has an age over her being a retired Captain from Army, having good reputation being elected as Member of Zila Parishad, Member of Block Samiti and also senior vice chairman of Shiromani Shaheed Baba Jiwan Singh Ji Vidayak and Welfare Trust Punjab, Chandigarh. All these factors have been taken into consideration by the Collector while adjudging the suitability of respondent No.5 to the post of Lambardar. Thus, I do not find any perversity in the impugned order for the purpose of interference in this case. Hence, the present petition is hereby dismissed.

5th SEPTEMBER, 2017

Vivek

(RAKESH KUMAR JAIN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether reportable Yes/No