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

**CWP No.12233 of 2017 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 13.03.2018**

Rahul Sharma

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BINDAL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B. S. WALIA**

Present: Mr. Arun Kapila, Advocate for
Mr. Onkar Singh Batalvi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vikas Mohan Gupta, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

RAJESH BINDAL J.

The petitioner has approached this Court to challenge the amendment carried out in the Punjab Municipal Corporation Services (Recruitment and Conditions of Service) Rules, 1978 to the extent that it had been given retrospective effect from 24.01.2011, though amendment was carried out vide notification dated 08.09.2016. The stand taken by the respondents in the reply is that the State is not giving retrospective effect to the aforesaid amendment and the petitioner has been promoted in terms of the Rules existing prior to the amendment.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submitted that his prayer to that extent in the writ petition has been rendered infructuous. However, in respect to the stand taken by the respondents that the petitioner has been promoted and all the benefits arising out of promotion will be granted to him from the date he has been promoted, in case the petitioner is

aggrieved of this condition, he may be given liberty to avail of his appropriate remedy for the same.

Learned counsel for the State does not have any objection to the aforesaid liberty sought by the petitioner.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties, the writ petition is disposed of as infructuous *qua* relief claimed regarding challenge to the Rules to the extent of their retrospectively, however giving liberty aforesaid.

(RAJESH BINDAL)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No