

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

CWP No.24382 of 2012 (O&M)

Date of decision: 20.08.2018

Kewal Krishan and others

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN

Present: Mr. Kanwaljit Singh, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Abhishek Bajaj, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Ms. Harsimrat Rai, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Puneet Jindal, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Raghav Kakkar, Advocate
for respondent Nos.4 & 5.

Jitendra Chauhan, J. (Oral)

Through the present petition, the petitioners seek quashing of impugned order dated 08.10.2012 (Annexure P-6) passed by respondent No.3 exercising the powers of Collector-cum-Deputy Commissioner vide which the seniority of the petitioners has been changed/downgraded without affording any opportunity of hearing.

Learned State counsel as well as learned senior counsel for respondent Nos.4 & 5 state that the petitioners have not availed the alternate remedy of approaching respondent No.1 for redressal of their grouse.

Learned senior counsel for the petitioners states that he has

no objection in case such an arrangement is made and the competent authority is directed to address the grouse of the petitioners expeditiously.

Heard.

In view of the consensus reached, the matter is relegated to respondent No.1-Principal Secretary cum Financial Commissioner (R), Punjab, Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh, who shall make an endeavour to conclude the hearing in the matter expeditiously preferably within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of the order, after affording the opportunity of hearing to all the parties concerned. The parties are directed to appear before respondent No.1 on 27.09.2018.

The Registry is directed to send a copy of this order to respondent No.1.

Disposed of.

20.08.2018

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(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No