

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

**Civil Writ Petition No. 15554 of 2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 05.07.2018**

Harjinder Heera and others

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Ramesh Goyat, Advocate
for the petitioners.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (ORAL)

The petitioners, six in number, were appointed as 'Canal Patwaris' with the Irrigation Department, Punjab, vide appointment letter issued on 17/24.10.2017 against the 171 posts advertised in the Scheduled Caste Category. They have been issued separate show cause notices dated 28.05.2018 (**Annexure P-8/Collectively**) for termination, *inter alia*, on the ground that their names do not fall within the zone of appointment as per their merit against the advertised vacancies. The petitioners are stated to have filed their separate replies (**Annexure P-10**). Without waiting for any consequent order, the petitioners have filed the present writ petition seeking intervention of this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India.

Mrs. Anu Chatrath Kapur, Additional Advocate General, Punjab, on instructions from Mr. Ravinder Kumar, Superintendent and Mr. Dilbag Singh, Law Officer, states that on examination of the records, it has surfaced that some fraud has been committed and the department is fully examining the records. She assures that if any order of termination is passed in case of the petitioners, the contention raised by them in their respective

replies against the show cause notices would be fully addressed, by giving reasons. She further states that at this stage, present petition is liable to be dismissed being premature.

In view of the stand of the State Counsel, this Court is not inclined to interfere in the writ jurisdiction at this stage.

Dismissed as premature.

The respondent-State shall be bound by its stand as taken.

July 05, 2018

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**(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE**

<i>Whether Speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>