

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

**Civil Writ Petition No. 28275 of 2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 14.12.2018**

Pramod Kumar

..... Petitioner

Versus

The State of Punjab and another

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Surinder Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mrs. Sudeepti Sharma, Additional Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/State.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner (*Pramod Kumar*) belongs to the Category of Scheduled Caste/Lineal Descendant of an Ex-Serviceman. He competed against the four (04) posts advertised in his category to be filled up through the Punjab State Civil Services Combined Competitive Examination, 2018. The petitioner is stated to have secured **223.50** marks in the written test.

It was submitted that as per the statutory rules, the Punjab Public Service Commission (PPSC) is required to shortlist thirteen (13) times the number of posts, whereby the PPSC is obligated to call fifty-two (52) candidates in the category of the petitioner.

Grievance is that only thirty-five (35) candidates have been shortlisted, while the petitioner, who would fall within the fifty-two (52) candidates to be shortlisted, has ignored.

At the time of hearing, learned State Counsel states that she has instructions to say that the petitioner, who has been permitted to

undertake the Main Examination on provisional basis in compliance of the

interim directions dated 20.11.2018, would be considered as per his secured merit in the written examination and permitted to join further selection process by treating him a shortlisted candidate on regular basis.

In view of the stand of the respondent-State, it is conceded that nothing more survives for adjudication in the present petition and the same has become infructuous.

“Disposed of as Infructuous”.

It is made clear that the respondent-State shall be bound by its stand as taken.

December 14, 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>