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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-6108-1996
Date of Decision: May 28, 2019

Lakhbir Singh and another **... Petitioners**

vs.

State of Punjab and others **.. Respondents**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present : None for the parties

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ARUN MONGA, J.(ORAL)

Through this petition, a *mandamus* has been sought by the petitioners, directing the respondents to provide avenues of promotion to the category of Plumbers commensurate to the nature of their duties and strength of cadre vis-a-vis other categories or in the alternative to include the category of Plumbers in the Punjab Municipal Services (Recruitment and Conditions of Service) (First Amendment) Rules, 1996 for being considered for promotion in the category of Junior Engineers (Civil).

2. The petition was filed in the year 1996 when both the petitioners had rendered 14/15 years of service, having joined as Plumbers in July 1981 and August 1982 at Municipal Council, Khanna and Municipal Council, Mandi Gobindgarh, respectively.

3. In the premise, the petitioners would have either already attained the age of superannuation or at the most must be nearing their superannuation having rendered 37/38 years of service.

4. In the circumstances, the writ petition is disposed of as having been rendered infructuous with liberty to the petitioners to agitate the issue raised herein in another appropriate proceedings in case, any cause of action still survives.

May 28, 2019 **(ARUN MONGA)**
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No