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

**CWP-1634-2014 (O&M)
Date of decision : 16.08.2019**

Gurmit Lal

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN

Present: Mr. Arun Takhi, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

Ms. Anju Arora, Addl.A.G., Punjab.

JITENDRA CHAUHAN J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the instant petition is for quashing of order dated 09.12.2013 (Annexure P-13), passed by respondent No.2, whereby, the claim of the petitioner for promotion to the post of Deputy Ranger has been rejected on the ground that a charge-sheet is pending against him.

Heard.

Vide order dated 09.12.2013 (Annexure P-13), the claim of the petitioner for promotion from the post of Forester to the post of Deputy Ranger was declined on account of pendency of charge-sheet dated 12.11.2013 (Annexure P-7).

During the course of arguments, learned State counsel has circulated a copy of order dated 16.05.2019, passed by Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Forest and Wild Life Protection, Punjab, vide

which the charge-sheet (Annexure P-7), stands dropped. A copy of the order (in vernacular) is taken on record as Mark 'A'.

In view of the aforesaid changed circumstances, the instant petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to consider the claim of the petitioner for promotion to the post of Deputy Ranger, as per law, expeditiously, preferably, within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this judgment. In case, on consideration, the competent authority reaches to the conclusion that the benefit claimed by the petitioner is admissible to him, in such eventuality, the consequential relief be allowed to him, within a period of six weeks thereafter. However, in case the competent authority feels that the relief claimed by the petitioner is not admissible or made out, in that case, a speaking order be passed in the matter.

16.08.2019*atulsethi***(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)
JUDGE**

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