

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH.
CWP No. 27469 of 2018
Date of Decision: January 15, 2019**

Prabhjot Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAJAN GUPTA

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

Rajan Gupta, J (Oral)

Petitioner has prayed for a writ in the nature of mandamus to direct the respondents to appoint him to the post of Junior Engineer alternatively as Junior Draftsman w.e.f. 20.4.2011. Petitioner's father, who was serving as a Draftsman in Irrigation Department, died on 13.6.2004. Petitioner thereafter applied for appointment on compassionate grounds. His prayer was duly considered and he was offered appointment as Patwari Canal, which he accepted. He has been working as such since the year 2011.

He has now raised a grievance that certain persons (private respondents herein) who were similarly placed have been appointed as Junior Draftsman. According to him, this has resulted in discrimination.

I do not find any merit in the plea. Appointment on compassionate grounds is in the nature of concession. This appointment is offered to enable the family to tied over the immediate financial crisis, to ensure that the family of the deceased does not live in penury. Besides, the petitioner willingly accepted the appointment and has been working as Patwari canal for more than 8 years now. Writ petition is, thus, misconceived. Dismissed .

**(Rajan Gupta)
Judge**

January 15, 2019

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Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No