

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARAYANA AT CHANDIGARH
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CWP-20428-2017

Date of decision: 29.01.2020

JARNAIL SINGH AND OTHERS

...PETITIONERS

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB & OTHERS

..RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

Present: Mr. K.S.Kahlon, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Charanpreet Singh, AAG, Punjab,
for the State.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

Petitioners have approached this Court asserting the grievance that the letter dated 13.01.2017 (Annexure P-6) has been received from the Chief Engineer (Central), Punjab to the Superintendent Engineer, Water Supply and Sanitation Division, Ludhiana/Sangrur/Patiala/Chandigarh where the heading itself indicates that the said letter relates to promotion of the employees to the post of Junior Engineer regular from the Civil Wing who have passed the departmental test.

It is the contention of the learned counsel for the petitioners that the said communication itself is violative of the very principle as laid down in the statutory Rules governing the service i.e. Punjab Department of Water Supply and Sanitation Junior Engineer (Group-C) Service Rules,

2006. It is, therefore, contended that the communication is only with regard to the employees in the Civil Wing ignoring the claim of the Mechanical Wing when the seniority is joint, which cannot sustain.

In the reply, which has been filed by the Chief Engineer (S), Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Patiala dated 29.11.2018, it has been stated that it is only an inter departmental communication and there is nothing with regard to the decision as of now with regard to the promotion. The department is already maintaining joint seniority list as per the provisions of the Department of Water Supply and Sanitation Junior Engineers (Group 'C') First Amendment Service Rules, 2010 and the petitioners have already been promoted.

In the light of the said affidavit, there appears to be a mere apprehension on the part of the petitioners when nothing substantial is being done and has been done by the respondents.

The writ petition, at this stage, is, therefore, disposed of without mentioning any further aspect.

January 29, 2020

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**(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No