

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

118

CWP-13403-2021

Date of decision: 28.07.2021

Rawal Singh

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and another

....Respondents

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. Manu K. Bhandari, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ayush Sarna, Assistant AG, Punjab.

(the aforesaid presence is being recorded through video conferencing since the proceedings are being conducted in virtual court on account of restrictions due to COVID 19)

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

Petitioner-Rawal Singh, stated to be aged 56 years, has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to restore the Head Constable rank of the petitioner w.e.f. 10.11.1992 in terms of order dated 18.05.2011 (Annexure P-4).

Learned counsel for the petitioner, by making reference to the pleadings of the petition, submits that the petitioner was initially appointed as Constable in Punjab Police on 08.04.1985. The petitioner was a National Level Volleyball player and had represented the State of Punjab at national level competition. He had won Gold Medal in the North Zone Police

Games. It is also a pleaded case that keeping in view the above, the petitioner was ordered to be placed on C-II List, on 27.11.1990. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner has recently, on 05.04.2021 (Annexure P-11), got served a legal notice upon the respondents to consider and grant him the relief of restoration of rank. It has been submitted that the similar relief had been granted to approximately 207 persons and the case of the petitioner is same/similar to the above.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Ayush Sarna, Assistant AG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the State.

Without commenting upon merits of the case, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of the present writ petition with a direction to the Authority concerned/respondent No.2, to decide the legal notice (Annexure P-11) in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Ordered accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

28.07.2021

jyoti3

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