

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

CWP No.3486 of 2020 (O&M)

Date of decision : 14.09.2022

Satish Kumar

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

.. Respondents

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Sandeep Goyat, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Anant Kataria, DAG, Haryana.

Mr. R.S. Longia, Advocate for respondents No.2 and 3.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioner has challenged the order dated 24.01.2020 (Annexure P-7) whereby his services had been dispensed with on account of not qualifying the departmental accounts examination. He has also sought a direction to the respondents to grant one more chance to appear in the said examination.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the respondents have been adopting the pick and choose policy while exempting several similarly situated employees from qualifying the departmental accounts examination but the benefit of exemption has not been granted to the petitioner. He also submits that the petitioner may be granted one more chance to qualify the departmental accounts examination. He further submits that several similarly situated employees, who had preferred similar petitions including CWP Nos.34782 and 35645 of 2019, had been taken back in service in pursuance to the orders of this Court.

Learned counsel for respondents No.2 and 3 states that he has received instructions to submit that the petitioner shall be afforded one more chance to clear the departmental accounts examination. He shall also be given four months' notice for the date on which the examination is to be conducted. He also submits that the notices have already been sent to some of the petitioners in connected matters and the exam would be conducted after a period of at least four months from today.

Heard.

In view of the statement of learned counsel for respondents No.2 and 3, the petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to conduct the departmental accounts examination after issuing a notice for a period of four months to enable the petitioner to prepare for the same. In the meantime, the petitioner would also be taken back in service as has been done in the case of similarly situated petitioners in the aforementioned petitions.

Pending application, if any, shall also stand disposed of accordingly.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

September 14, 2022
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Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No