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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-30260-2022

V/S.

CWP-30284-2022

V/S

CWP-30327-2022

V/S

CWP-2413-2023

....PETITIONERS

V/S

CWP-6897-2023

V/S

FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA ...RESPONDENT

CWP-30260-2022

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CWP-7168-2022

YASHPAL SINGH AND OTHERS **....PETITIONERS**
V/S
THE FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA AND OTHERS
...RESPONDENTS

CWP-20580-2023

BALVEER SINGH AND OTHERS **....PETITIONERS**
V/S
THE FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA AND ORS.
...RESPONDENTS

CWP-23479-2023

BALWANT SINGH AND OTHERS **....PETITIONERS**
V/S
THE FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA AND ANOTHER
...RESPONDENTS

CWP-23499-2023

HARMOHINDER SINGH AND OTHERS **....PETITIONERS**
V/S
THE FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA AND ANOTHER
...RESPONDENTS

CWP-4946-2022 (O&M)

BISHAN LAL AND OTHERS **....PETITIONERS**
V/S
FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA AND OTHERS
...RESPONDENTS

CWP-11461-2022

HARCHAND SINGH AND OTHERS **....PETITIONERS**
V/S
FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA OTHERS
...RESPONDENTS

SUNIL KUMAR AND OTHERS **CWP-23205-2022**
....PETITIONERS
V/S
FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA AND OTHERS
...RESPONDENTS

LAKHWINDER SINGH AND OTHERS **CWP-24842-2022**
....PETITIONERS
V/S
FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA AND OTHERS
...RESPONDENTS

SANJIV KUMAR AND OTHERS **CWP-27627-2022**
....PETITIONERS
V/S
FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA AND OTHERS
...RESPONDENTS

JUGINDER SINGH AND OTHERS **CWP-28752-2022**
....PETITIONERS
V/S
FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA AND OTHERS
...RESPONDENTS

CHHAJJU SINGH AND OTHERS **CWP-21787 - 2023**
....PETITIONERS
V/S
FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA AND ANOTHER
...RESPONDENTS

ROOP CHAND AND OTHERS **CWP-25371-2023**
....PETITIONERS
V/S
THE FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA AND ANOTHER
...RESPONDENTS

KULWINDER SINGH AND OTHERS

....PETITIONERS

V/S

THE FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

MOHINDER SINGH AND ANOTHER

....PETITIONERS

V/S

FOOD CORPORATION OF INDIA

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

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CWP-24842-2022, CWP-20580-2023, CWP-23499-2023,
CWP-25371-2023, CWP-23479-2023, CWP 21787-2023).

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CWP-30327-2022, CWP-28752-2022).

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for the petitioner (in CWP-11461-2022).

Mr. Sunish Bindlish, Advocate and
Mr. Prashant Rana, Advocate
for respondents-Food Corporation of India (in all petitions).

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J (ORAL)

1. By this common order, CWP-30260-2022, CWP-30284-2022, CWP-30327-2022, CWP-2413-2023, CWP-6897-2023, CWP-7168-2022, CWP-20580-2023, CWP-23479-2023, CWP-23499-2023, CWP-25371-2023, CWP-4946-2022, CWP-10722-2022, CWP-11461-2022, CWP-23205-2022, CWP-24842-2022, CWP-27627-2022, CWP-28752-2022, CWP-21787-2023 and CWP No. 27902 of 2023 are hereby adjudicated as common questions of law and facts are involved.

2. The petitioner(s) through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India are seeking quashing of Notice No. 1/2021/Punjab dated 08.10.2021 (Annexure P-14) whereby certain conditions for the post of Watchman were imposed.

3. Learned counsel for the respondent-corporation asserts that respondent-corporation has principally decided to withdraw the advertisement in question, thus, all the petitions have rendered infructuous.

4. The petitioners are class IV employees. The petitioners directly or indirectly, for quite long time, worked with Food Corporation of India (in short “respondent-corporation”). The petitioners filed various petitions seeking regularization. Matter came up before this Court multiple times. On account of one or another reason, the respondent-corporation has withdrawn the advertisement inviting applications for appointment to the posts of class IV employees. The Court, time to time, in the case of petitioners has observed that

petitioners need to be extended relaxation in parameters/criteria prescribed for the posts of Watchman.

5. The respondent-corporation in the advertisement partially relaxed few conditions, however, the petitioners because of their age and qualification were unable to comply with even relaxed conditions.

6. In the wake of statement of counsel for respondent-corporation, all the petitions are disposed of as infructuous, however, it is made clear that respondent-corporation while re-advertising posts, would take care of age of the petitioners as well as orders passed by this Court in earlier round of litigation.

7. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

20.12.2023
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[JAGMOHAN BANSAL]
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No