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

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CWP-2367-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 05.02.2024

Isha Mehra
....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab
...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Dharmender Singh Rawat, Advocate for the petitioner

AMAN CHAUDHARY. J.

1. The present civil writ petition has been filed under Articles 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondent to consider the case of the petitioner for appointment to the post of Deputy District Attorney.
2. Learned counsel contends that the petitioner had applied for appointment to the post of Deputy District Attorney, Group-A under General (Women Category), pursuant to the advertisement dated 05.04.2022. The last candidate appointed in the said category was at merit No.32 and the petitioner was is next in merit. The grievance before this Court is to the effect that two posts belonging to ex-servicemen/LDESM, Punjab (Women Category) have been converted to General (Woman Category), however, the same has not been done in case of one post of physically handicapped 'Woman Category' that remained unfilled. He further submits that though a legal notice in this regard had been sent to the respondent as also Punjab Public Service Commission, which vide letter dated 01.01.2024 (Annexure P-6), was replied only by the latter stating therein that the Commission had no concern after sending the combined list and category

wise merit list to the concerned Department. He submits that the petitioner would be satisfied if a direction is issued to the respondent to decide the legal notice dated 01.11.2023, Annexure P-5.

3. Notice of motion.
4. At the asking of the Court, Mr. Paramjit Batta, Addl. AG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and has no objection to the limited prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner.
5. In view of the above and without commenting upon the merits of the case, this petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to the respondent to look into the legal notice dated 01.11.2023 (Annexure P-5) and decide the same within 6 weeks by passing a speaking order, in accordance with law.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

05.02.2024
M.Kamra

Whether speaking/reasoned

Whether reportable

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Yes / No

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Yes / No