

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

CWP-13104 of 1998

Date of decision: 03.05.2024

Pritam Singh and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

The State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: - Mr. Inayat Khullar, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Ms. Arundhati Kulshreshtha, AAG, Punjab.

NAMIT KUMAR, J. (ORAL)

1. Instant writ petition has been filed by the petitioners under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the respondents that inter se seniority of the Junior Engineers (Civil)/Mechanical between the employees of the erstwhile Punjab Housing Development Board and the Junior Engineers (Civil)/Mechanical of the Directorate of Housing and Urban Development, Punjab, presently working with the Punjab Urban Development Authority (PUDA) be prepared keeping in view their length of service as provided in the Punjab Urban Planning and Development Authority (Integration and Inter-se-seniority of Transferred Employees) Rules, 1995 and the Junior Engineers (Civil)/Mechanical be promoted to the post of Sub Divisional Engineer (Civil)/(Mechanical) strictly in accordance with the said seniority list and for issuance of writ of Prohibition restraining the respondents from

promoting the Junior Engineers who were earlier employees of the Punjab Housing Development Board and as per the length of service are junior to the petitioners without preparing the inter-se-seniority list, to the post of Sub Divisional Engineer without considering and promoting the petitioners and by passing ad interim orders, the promotion of the Junior Engineers who were earlier employees of the Punjab Housing Development Board and are junior to the petitioners be stayed during the pendency of the writ petition.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that despite his best efforts, he has not been able to contact the petitioners. He pleads no instructions.

3. In view of the above, present petition is disposed of as having become infructuous. However, liberty is granted to the petitioners to get revived the present petition, if any cause of action survives in the same.

03.05.2024
R.S.

(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No