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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-16473-2019 (O&M)

Date of Decision : 12-08-2024

PACHITTAR SINGH

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Sandeep Arora, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Amarpreet Singh Bains, AAG Punjab.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J. (Oral)

In the present petition, the grievance being raised by the petitioner is that he has not been considered for the post of Forestor in the reserved category of dependant of Ex-serviceman (General Category) qua Advertisement No.16 of 2015 (Annexure P-1) and hence, as one post is still lying vacant, the petitioner should be considered for appointment against the same.

After notice of motion, learned State counsel has filed reply wherein it has been mentioned that against two posts of Ex-Serviceman and the dependant of Ex-Serviceman, 194 applications were received and the merit list was prepared keeping in view the marks secured by the candidates in the minimum qualification required for appointment to the said post, 10 candidates were to be called again two posts which were to be filled up.

As per the respondents, the 10th candidate called was having 65.60% whereas the petitioner was at Serial No.27 in the provisional merits

list with 57.33%. As per the respondents, there are still 16 candidates who are above the petitioner in the merit list.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have through the records of the present case with their able assistance.

It is not a case whether the petitioner is next in merit and one post of Forestor is to be filled from the category of dependant upon Ex-Serviceman. As per the reply filed, the petitioner is at Serial No.27 in the merit list out of which, only 10 candidates were called for consideration as against one post, claim of 5 candidates were to be considered. Hence, as the petitioner is not the next in the merit list and there are more than 16 candidates who are eligible for the post, who are above the petitioner and still waiting for consideration for their cases, no ground is made out for giving any directions to consider the claim of the petitioner in the reserved category of Ex-Serviceman dependent upon Ex-Serviceman.

Hence, the present petition is dismissed.

Pending application, if any, also stands disposed off.

12-08-2024
Sapna Goyal

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

NOTE: Whether speaking : YES/NO
Whether reportable : YES/NO