



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

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CWP-11333-2016

Date of decision : 17.05.2024

Harjeet Singh Virdi

...Petitioner

V/S

Punjab Pollution Control Board and others

....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. Harjeet Singh Virdi, petitioner-in-person.

Mr. Rajat Khanna, Advocate with
Mr. Vijay Pratap Singh and Mr. Vishal Saini,
Advocates for respondent No.2.

Ms. Alka Chatrath, Advocate with
Mr. Nishant Maini, Advocate for respondent No.3.

NAMIT KUMAR, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner has filed the instant writ petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ of certiorari for quashing the letter dated 01.06.2015 (Annexure P-13) and modifying the result declared by respondents No.1 & 2 for the post of Junior Environmental Engineer. It is further prayed that the respondents may be directed to correct the answer key of the examination conducted for the abovesaid post and consequently call the petitioner for counselling/document checking for appointment for the abovesaid post.

2. On 15.03.2024, the following order was passed :-

“Mr. Ashish Verma, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of respondent No.1 and filed memo of appearance, which is taken on record.

In pursuance to order dated 24.01.2024, Mr. G.S. Majithia, Member Secretary, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala is present in Court today.

In pursuance to order dated 30.05.2023, the necessary affidavit has been filed wherein it has been



averred that the vacancies in the cadre of Junior Environmental Engineer are available and out of those vacancies, the Board has initiated the process to fill up 21 posts of Junior Environmental Engineer through direct recruitment and advertisement of the same has already been issued by the Punjab Public Service Commission (PPSC).

Since, the answer attempted by the petitioner for two questions No.53 and 66 are correct as per Expert Committee, let the case of the petitioner be considered for appointment to the post of Junior Environmental Engineer within a period of one month from today.

Adjourned to 17.05.2024, for further consideration.

The personal appearance of the Secretary of Punjab Pollution Control Board, Patiala is exempted for the next date of hearing.”

3. Learned counsel for the respondents submits that in pursuance to the order dated 15.03.2024, the petitioner has been given appointment to the post of Junior Environmental Engineer vide appointment letter dated 23.04.2024.
4. The petitioner submits that he is entitled to be appointed w.e.f. the date the persons lower in merit than him, have been appointed.
5. The petitioner submits that for claiming the said relief, he shall submit a detailed representation to respondent No.1, within a period of 01 month and the same be considered in a time bound manner.
6. If any such representation is submitted by the petitioner within a period of 01 month, the same shall be considered and disposed of by respondent No.1, by passing a speaking order, within a period of 03 months thereafter.
7. The present petition is disposed of in the above terms.

17.05.2024

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(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No