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IN THE PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT AT
CHANDIGARH

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CWP-14076-2016 (O&M).
Date of Decision: 23.08.2024.

NEERAJ KUMAR

.. Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ.

Present: Mr. Harsh Neyol, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Aditya Sharda, DAG, Punjab, with
Mr. Ajit Balaji Joshi, IAS, Secretary, Agriculture,
Govt. of Punjab.

Mr. B.S. Baath, Advocate,
for respondent No.3.

Mr. Mahesh Dheer, Advocate,
(Through Video Conference)
for respondent No.5.

Mr. Vikas Chatrath, Advocate, and
Ms. Tanya Sehgal, Advocate,
for respondent No.6.

Mr. Umesh Kumar Kanwar, Advocate,
for respondents No.10 and 12.

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VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

1 The present writ petition had been filed for seeking issuance of a writ of quo warranto to restrain respondent No.6 from holding public office for which he is not entitled.

2 In furtherance to the order passed by this Court on 25.07.2024 in continuation of the earlier orders passed by this Court, the affidavit has been filed.

3 It is contended that the requisite exercise is being undertaken and that a six Members Committee had carried out the selection process out of which four members were outside experts and only two members belonged to the Department of Agriculture. He contends that the Department has already recommended initiation of proceedings against the members of the selection committee as well as the Directors who carried the process of selection. It is submitted that the complete status regarding the proceedings initiated against the erring as well as defaulting officers shall be filed before this Court within a period of six months. In the event of a malicious/criminal involvement of the persons, appropriate steps for registration of criminal case shall also be taken on the basis of the inquiry to be undertaken by the respondents.

4 Since the challenge in the present writ petition was to restrain respondent No.6 from holding over the post to which he was not entitled as not possessing the qualifications as prescribed under the statutory

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provisions and the services of respondent No.6 having already been terminated, the substantive prayer made in the present writ petition has been rendered infructuous.

5 The present writ petition is accordingly disposed of as having been rendered infructuous.

6 The compliance report in term of the statement made on behalf of the respondent State and by the Secretary, Agriculture, Govt. of Punjab, be filed on or before 07.03.2025.

August 23, 2024.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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