

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

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CWP-24041-2018 (O&M)

Date of decision: 22.04.2024

Rohit Wandra

..Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and ors

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present: Mr. BS Sudan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG, Punjab.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J (Oral)

1. The prayer made in the present petition filed is for quashing the impugned merit list dated 21.11.2017, Annexure P8 and directing the respondents to consider and appoint the petitioner for the post of 'Lecturer Electronic & Communication Engineering'.

2. Learned counsel submits that the petitioner had applied under the category of Physically Handicapped (Orthopedically Disabled), being 40% disabled as per the certificate dated 12.10.2011, Annexure P1 and after interview, he was placed third in the merit list in his category but was not given appointment. The candidate at merit No.1 in the selected list, though, was recommended by the PPSC, however, the Department finding him not eligible in the said category, did not appoint him, which was challenged by him in CWP-7186-2018. The sole objection taken in the written statement filed in the present case, was the pendency of the said writ, which learned counsel submits, was withdrawn on 29.04.2022. Thus, there being no impediment in considering the case of the petitioner for appointment, a time bound direction be given in that regard.

3. Learned State counsel, while making a reference to para No.3 of the reply, submits that the claim of the petitioner could only be considered after the decision of CWP-7186-2018, which he affirms, stands withdrawn. He, on instructions, has no objection to the limited prayer made for considering the case of the petitioner, though subject to verification of his documents and merit position.

4. In wake of the aforesaid and without commenting on the merits of the case, this petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to the respondents to consider and decide the claim of the petitioner, within a period of 3 months, in accordance with law and if found entitled, necessary relief be granted to him forthwith. However, in the eventuality of the relief being denied, a speaking order be passed, after associating him therewith.

22.04.2024
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(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

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