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

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Date of Decision: 28.05.2024

Santokh Singh and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present: Mr. Mayur Karkra, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Amarpreet Singh Bains, AAG, Punjab.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J (Oral)

1. The prayer in the present petition is for directing the respondents to consider the petitioners in the category of Ex-Serviceman (Gen) and Ex-Serviceman (SC) as per the notification dated 02.11.2016.
2. Learned counsel submits that the petitioners though belong to Ex-Serviceman (Gen) and Ex-Serviceman (SC), had inadvertently at the time of filling up online application form, due to lack of options, wrongly mentioned it as non ex-servicemen category. A similar issue came up before a Coordinate Bench in **Monika vs. State of Punjab and others**¹, wherein also the petitioner at the time of filling of application form had wrongly mentioned her category as SC-ESM (R&O) which was corrected at the time of counselling. He, on instructions, submits that the petitioners would be satisfied if time bound direction be given to the respondents to consider their

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I attest to the accuracy and
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¹ CWP-25003-2017, decided on 06.03.2018.



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claim, also in view of the judgment of Hon’ble the Supreme Court in **Vashist Narayan Kumar vs. The State of Bihar**².

3. Learned State counsel has no objection to the limited prayer made.
4. In view of the aforesaid and without commenting upon 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 petitioners, by taking into account the aforesaid judgments, within a period of three months, which this Court has no reason to believe the authorities would not address in a just, fair and reasonable manner. Upon doing so, after notice and hearing offered to them, and if found entitled, grant the benefit forthwith. Needless to say, if the orders are adverse to their interest, the same shall contain reasons and the petitioners shall be free to seek legal redress.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

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