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

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Date of Decision :16.12.2024

Rahul Kumar and others**...Petitioners**

Versus

State of Punjab and others**...Respondent****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI**

Present: Mr. Jagtar Singh Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Satnam Preet Singh Chauhan, DAG, Punjab.

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Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that while filling up posts of Assistant Professor in pursuance to the advertisement dated 19.10.2021 (Annexure P/2) issued by the respondents, the benefit of reservation in favour of the female candidates has not been given as per the instructions while ignoring Rule 4 and 5 of the Punjab Civil Services (Reservation of Posts for Women) Rules, 2020 and the same has been given beyond their entitlement, which is causing prejudice to the petitioners.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Satnam Preet Singh Chauhan, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents.

Learned counsel for the respondent-State submits that said grievance has already been raised by the candidates before the authority concerned and keeping in view the said grievance, an order dated



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12.12.2024 has already been passed by the respondents to reconsider the grant of benefit of reservation to the female candidates and if needed, revise the merit list, hence, the grievance of the petitioners has already been looked into by the respondents.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the said decision of reconsideration for the grant of benefit of reservation to the female candidates should be decided expeditiously so that the petitioners do not suffer further prejudice.

Learned counsel for the respondent-State submits that appropriate decision on the said issue will be taken within a period of 06 weeks from the date of the receipt of copy of this order and in case, it is found necessary to revise the merit list, the same will be done otherwise, due reasons will be mentioned in the speaking order so passed, which order will be conveyed to the petitioners for their information and necessary action.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that keeping in view the statement of learned counsel for the respondents, the present petition may kindly be disposed of having been not pressed any further at this stage.

Ordered accordingly.

December 16, 2024*aarti***(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE***Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No**Whether reportable : Yes/No*