



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

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CWP-2244-2002 (O & M)
Date of decision: 05.04.2025

Madan Lal and others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Abhishek Masih, Advocate for
Mr. B.S.Patwalia, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Amarpeet Singh Bains, AAG, Punjab.

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer made in the present petition is for directing the respondents to consider the petitioners as Agriculture Development Officers and grant the pay-scale of the said post, instead of Agriculture Inspectors, to which they had been appointed.

2. Learned State counsel refers to the averments made in para 8 of preliminary submissions of reply filed by way of affidavit of the Deputy Director of Agriculture, dated 04.12.2003, wherein it has been categorically stated that for the said post, the minimum qualification was B.Sc (Agri.), which none of the petitioners possessed, and that it was a promotional post and the petitioners were promoted as Agriculture Inspectors from lower post for which B.Sc(Agri.) was not the required qualification, while it was for the persons to be directly appointed as

Agriculture Inspectors, a fact which has not been refuted by filing replication.

3. Disposed of, reserving the petitioners with a liberty to get it revived, in case *lis* still subsists.

05.04.2025

parveen kumar

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

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