

2025:PHHC:025287



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

122-1 **CWP-906-1999**

SUKHDEV SINGH & OTHERS
VERSUS
STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS
... Petitioners
... Respondents

122-2 **CWP-24752-2012**

JASWANT SINGH & OTHERS
VERSUS
FINANCIAL COMMISSIONER COOPERATION PUNJAB & OTHERS
... Petitioners
... Respondents

122-3 **CWP-21108-2013**

HARDIP SINGH & OTHERS
VERSUS
STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS
... Petitioners
... Respondents

122-4 **CWP-21806-2013**

BHUPINDER SINGH GONDARA & OTHERS
VERSUS
STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS
... Petitioners
... Respondents

122-5

CWP-21225-2011

JASVIR SINGH & OTHERS

... Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondents

122-6

CWP-13291-2013

BHUPINDER SINGH & ANOTHER

... Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondents

122-7

CWP-17265-2011

PARAMPAL SINGH & OTHERS

... Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondents

122-8

CWP-24055-2015

HARMEET SINGH AND ANOTHER

... Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondents

122-9

CWP-18031-2013

GURMIT SINGH & OTHERS

... Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondents

122-10

CWP-25559-2012

DILBAGH SINGH & OTHERS

... Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondents

122-11

CWP-19018-2012

PARAS NATH SINGH & OTHERS

... Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondents

122-12

CWP-8447-2014

BALWANT SINGH & OTHERS

... Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondents

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CWP-16344-2011

JASWANT SINGH & OTHERS

... Petitioners

VERSUS

THE STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondents

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CWP-17264-2011

ROHTASH KUMAR & OTHERS

... Petitioners

VERSUS

THE STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondents

122-18

CWP-16291-2012

KULWINDER KAUR

.... Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondents

122-19

CWP-34590-2019 (O&M),

GURPREET SINGH

... Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

FINANCIAL COMMISSIONER, COOPERATION-CUM-ADDITIONAL
CHIEF SECRETARY AND OTHERS

... Respondent

122-20

CWP-13728-2016

GURPREET SINGH

... Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

FINANCIAL COMMISSIONER, COOPERATION-
PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondent

122-21

CWP-16235-2017

DAWARKA PARSAD

... Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondents

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CWP-9014-2013

Date of Decision: 20.02.2025

SURJIT SINGH & OTHERS

... Petitioners

VERSUS

FINANCIAL COMMISIONER, COOPERATION, PUNJAB & OTHERS

... Respondents

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

Present: None for the petitioners.

Mr. Balwinder Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Raghav Gulati, Advocate for
Mr. Tushar Sharma, Advocate
for respondent No.5 in CWP-906-1999.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

The instant bunch of writ petitions had been preferred for seeking directions to the respondent-State of Punjab as well as the Sugar Federation/Sugar Mills to adjust the petitioners against the post lying vacant with a further direction that they should be paid their salaries.

2. At the time of institution of present writ petitions, it was specifically mentioned in the index that the controversy involved in the case is similar to CWP-15406 of 1998 that was then pending before a Division Bench of this Court. The said CWP-15406 of 1998 titled as “*Radhey Shyam and others versus State of Punjab and others*” had been preferred by as many as 14 petitioners and had the same respondents i.e. the respondents herein.

3. The above CWP-15406 of 1998 was eventually disposed of by this Court vide order dated 15.07.2008, after recording consent of the parties that the writ petition be disposed of in terms of the order dated 30.08.2005 passed in Civil Appeal no. 1126 of 2001 titled as “*Punjab State Cooperative Agricultural Development Bank Limited versus State of Punjab and others*” by the Hon’ble Supreme Court.

4. Even though at this stage, Counsel for the State of Punjab does make an emphatic attempt to submit that the policy that was relied upon by the

petitioners then stood superseded by a subsequent policy, however, he is not in a position to dispute that the change of policy had already taken place when the above CWP was disposed of by this Court. Once the State has admitted to conferring certain benefits on certain employees, it cannot be permitted to take any different stand, other than what had already been agreed to by the State at the time when CWP-15406 of 1998 was disposed of on July 15, 2008, for the other set of similarly placed employees. There can be no discrimination against similarly placed employees.

5. The respondent-State thus has to maintain the parity and cannot be permitted to change its stand having consented to the writ petition pertaining to other similarly placed employees being disposed of in terms of the order dated 30.08.2005 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No. 1126 of 2001 titled as titled as ***“Punjab State Cooperative Agricultural Development Bank Limited (supra).***

6. The present writ petitions are accordingly disposed of in terms of ***“Punjab State Cooperative Agricultural Development Bank Limited (supra).***

7. All the pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, are also disposed of.

FEBRUARY 20, 2025

Vishal Sharma

**(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE**

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