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

**CWP-11471-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 25.09.2025**

Deepak Setia

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Ms. Twinkle Verma, Advocate for
Mr. Rupender Singh Rana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. Present civil writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of *certiorari* seeking quashing of the order dated 27.02.2024 (Annexure P-17), vide which the person junior to the petitioner has been promoted, the order dated 28.04.2023 (Annexure P-11), the order dated 25.07.2017 (Annexure P-8), vide which non-law graduate was promoted to the post of Executive Officer Class-III, as the petitioner was senior-most under law graduate quota and was eligible for

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promotion in view of the report dated 03.03.2020/13.03.2020 (Annexure P-9) and further to issue a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the official respondents to promote the petitioner to the post of Executive Officer Class-III w.e.f. the due date i.e. 25.07.2017.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that at this stage, the petitioner would be satisfied, if the representation dated 21.12.2023 (Annexure P-18) and the legal notice dated 20.08.2024 (Annexure P-19) are decided by respondent No.2, by passing a speaking order, after affording an opportunity of hearing, in a time bound manner.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Vikas Sonak, AAG, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 & 2 and he has no objection, in case a direction is issued to respondent No.2 to consider and decide the representation dated 21.12.2023 (Annexure P-18) and the legal notice dated 20.08.2024 (Annexure P-19), in a time bound manner, by passing a speaking order.

5. In view of the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner, present petition is disposed of and respondent No.2 is directed to consider and decide the representation dated 21.12.2023 (Annexure P-18) and the legal notice dated 20.08.2024 (Annexure P-19) and pass a speaking order, after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner, within a period of

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eight weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

6. Further, the decision taken on the representation dated 21.12.2023 (Annexure P-18) and the legal notice dated 20.08.2024 (Annexure P-19) shall be conveyed to the petitioner.

7. Needless to say, if the petitioner is found entitled to the relief sought, the same be granted to him forthwith by the competent authority.

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[HARPREET SINGH BRAR]
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No