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

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Date of Decision: 11.09.2025

Parminder Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present: - Mr. Baljeet Singh Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Aman Dhir, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is seeking direction to the respondents to shift him from Punjab Armed Police to District Police Cadre.

2. On 18.08.2025, this Court passed the following order: -

“Inter alia submits that in view of order dated 30.04.2024 passed by this Court in CWP No. 25491 of 2023, titled as “Balwinder Singh and others vs. State of Punjab and others”, the respondent has appointed 195 Constables who were awaiting on account of interim orders passed by this Court. The respondent to comply with orders of this Court, has passed order dated 01.04.2025 whereby 135 Constables working with Punjab Armed Police have been shifted to District Police. The petitioner was senior in the merit list still he has been ignored while shifting 135 Constables from Punjab Armed Police to District Police.



Mr. Aman Dhir, DAG, Punjab who on advance notice is present in Court seeks time to ascertain factual position and assist the Court.

Adjourned to 28.08.2025”

3. The aforesaid order was followed by order dated 28.08.2025 which reads as: -

“Mr. Aman Dhir, DAG, Punjab submits that petitioner had given preference to Punjab Armed Police, thus, he cannot be shifted to District Police. His claim is not at par with 135 candidates who have been shifted from Punjab Armed Police to District Police.

On being asked, Mr. Aman Dhir submits that Recruitment Board prepared Excel Sheet with respect to option of candidates. The said Excel Sheet along with affidavit would be produced before the Court on the adjourned date.

Adjourned to 11.09.2025.”

4. In compliance of aforesaid order, the respondent has filed affidavit dated 10.09.2025 of Ms. Saumya Mishra, Assistant Inspector General of Police, Personnel-III, CPO, Punjab, Chandigarh. As per said affidavit, the respondent has collected information from agency which conducted online process for the post of Constables. There is specific averment in the affidavit that petitioner gave first preference to Armed Police Cadre and his second preference was for District Police Cadre. He was selected in Armed Police Cadre and cannot be shifted to District Police Cadre because his first preference was Armed Police Cadre.

5. The petitioner is relying upon application form to contend that he has applied for District Police Cadre as well as Armed Police Cadre and given first preference to District Police Cadre. He is also relying upon provisional admit card.

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6. From the perusal of application form and admit card, it comes out that the petitioner had applied for both District Police Cadre and Armed Police Cadre, however, there is nothing in these documents disclosing that he had given first preference to District Police Cadre. In the absence of any documentary evidence led by petitioner, this Court has no other option except to rely upon affidavit of a senior officer of the respondent-State.

7. In the backdrop, the petition stands dismissed with liberty to the petitioner to file fresh, if at any stage, he is able to collect evidence to the effect that he had given first preference to District Police Cadre.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

11.09.2025*Mohit Kumar*

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