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

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Date of Decision: 01.08.2025

Mohanjeet Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present: - Mr. Bhavesh Aggarwal, Advocate
for Mr. Ashish Aggarwal, 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 directions to respondents to issue him appointment letter for the post of Constable.

2. The petitioner, pursuant to advertisement, applied for the post of Constable. The application was filed in 2011. The written test took place in 2011. The result was declared in 2011. The physical efficiency test and interview was held in June' 2011. The petitioner cleared all the stages and his name appeared in waiting list, however, he was not issued appointment letter.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that name of the petitioner was in the waiting list, however, he was not issued appointment letter as the recruitment process expired. He was duly eligible for the post.



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Many candidates whose name figured in the waiting list have been issued appointment letter.

4. Learned State counsel submits that in the application form, there was a particular column enjoining the candidates to disclose their credentials with respect to criminal matters. The petitioner was involved in FIR No.11 dated 05.03.2011 under Sections 326, 452, 323, 324, 506 and 34 of Indian Penal Code, 1860 registered at Police Station Kambo, District Amritsar (Rural), however, he opted not to disclose the said fact. It was a case of concealment of fact. This fact came in the knowledge of the respondent at the time of police verification.

5. I have heard the arguments of learned counsel for both sides and perused the record with their able assistance.

6. From the perusal of record, it is evident that petitioner filed application form on 25.03.2011. He, at that point of time, was facing criminal case. FIR was quashed vide order dated 03.05.2012 passed by this Court in *CRM-M-No.4353 of 2012* on the basis of compromise arrived at between the parties.

The petitioner opted to conceal factum of FIR in the application form. He was bound to face consequences. He was facing FIR even at the time of police verification. As there was concealment of fact on the part of the petitioner, the respondent was right in its authority to deny him appointment letter.

7. There is another aspect of the matter. The selection process commenced in 2011 and completed in 2012. A period of 13 years has passed

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away. The petitioner approached this Court in 2013 itself, however, the petition is pending since then. The post of Constable is a public post to which a lot of responsibilities are attached. Physical and mental fitness is paramount in Police Force. The petitioner cannot be expected of having fitness as postulated for Constable at the time of initial selection.

8. In the backdrop, this Court is of the considered opinion that present petition deserves to be dismissed and accordingly dismissed.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

01.08.2025
Mohit Kumar

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