

2025:PHHC:068983



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

220 (1)

CWP-30152-2018

JEEWAN RAM

... Petitioner

VERSUS

THE BANK OF INDIA AND OTHERS

... Respondents

220 (2)

CWP-31082-2018

RAJINDER PRATAP @ RAJAN

... Petitioner

VERSUS

THE BANK OF INDIA AND OTHERS

... Respondents

220 (3)

CWP-3890-2019

JASWINDER SINGH

... Petitioner

VERSUS

THE BANK OF INDIA AND OTHERS

... Respondents

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**CWP-30624-2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 21.05.2025**

OMWATI

... Petitioner

VERSUS

THE BANK OF INDIA AND OTHERS

... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Vishal Gupta, Advocate for the petitioner
in CWP-3890-2019.

Dr. Surinder Singh Joshi, Advocate for the
petitioners in all the remaining cases.

Mr. Ranjan Lohan, Mr. Sahil Lohan and
Mr. Sahil Jaswal, Advocate for the respondents.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

Involving common questions, all these writ petitions are being decided by a common order. A brief reference to the facts, however, is from CWP-30152-2018 titled as 'Jeevan Ram Versus The Bank of India and others.'

The petitioner in the said petition has sought quashing of orders/list of selected candidates dated 01.11.2018, whereby the recruitment of Safai Karamchhari-cum-Sepoy in the zone had been allegedly carried out illegally and arbitrarily ignoring the claim of the petitioner to the appointment including the experience possessed by him.

The respondent Bank, on the other hand, has filed its reply averring that the petitioners were allowed to participate in the selection process after granting one-time relaxation in the age limit of the candidates as well as their educational qualification, but they were required to compete with other candidates from open channel/market and the selection/appointment was purely on the basis of merit. It is submitted that the final merit list of the selected candidates was duly published by the respondent-Authorities. It is submitted that similar writ petitions challenging the appointments were decided vide judgment dated 31.10.2023 passed in a batch of 12 cases including CWP No.24742-2015 titled as Krishna Devi Versus Union of India and Others, wherein the claim of the petitioners was dismissed by the Single Bench of this Court. The LPA No.477 of 2024 preferred against the judgment dated

31.10.2023 (supra) has also been dismissed by the Division Bench of this Court vide order/judgment dated 21.03.2024.

On being confronted with the same, the counsel for the petitioners are not in a situation to counter that the aforesaid judgments have been ruled against them and the same would be applicable to the present petitions also; but they contend that the benefits as extended to the petitioners in batch of writ petitions including CWP No.24742-2015 titled as Krishna Devi Versus Union of India and Others (supra) in paragraph No.13 be also extended to the petitioners herein.

Counsel for the respondents have no objection to the same.

The present writ petitions are accordingly disposed of in terms of the ***order/judgment dated 31.10.2023 (supra)*** and as affirmed by the Division Bench in ***LPA No.477 of 2024*** decided on ***21.03.2024***. The benefits as stated above, be also granted to the petitioners.

All other misc. application(s), if any, also stand(s) disposed of accordingly.

MAY 21, 2025.

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**(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No