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

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Date of Decision: 10.12.2025

Surender Paul and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present: - Mr. Rajeev Kawatra, Advocate for the petitioners

Mr. Aman Dhir, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioners through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India are seeking direction to respondents to promote them to the rank of Deputy Superintendent of Police w.e.f. the date they became eligible for promotion.

2. The petitioners are retired police officials. They all are more than 60 years. They retired in 2016-17. The respondent revised seniority list of different level of officers. On account of revision of seniority list, many officials were promoted from retrospective date. Many officials got more than one promotion from retrospective date. The petitioners were also granted deemed date of promotion as Inspectors. They are claiming that they completed six years' of service as Inspectors prior to their retirement, thus, were eligible for promotion as Deputy Superintendent of Police.

3. Learned State counsel submits that there is not even a single

Inspector who was junior to the petitioners and was promoted prior to them

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during their service tenure. All the juniors have been promoted after retirement of the petitioners. Completion of six years' service only makes an Inspector eligible for further promotion. In the absence of meeting of Departmental Promotion Committee, an Inspector is not automatically promoted on completion of six years service.

4. Faced with aforesaid submissions of learned State counsel, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that respondent has promoted few Inspectors without meeting of Departmental Promotion Committee.

5. In the backdrop, the petition stands disposed of with a direction to respondents to consider claim of the petitioners with respect to their deemed date of promotion as Deputy Superintendent of Police. The petitioners would point out officer who was promoted without meeting of Departmental Promotion Committee. They would also be at liberty to point out that many ineligible persons were promoted but upon revision their promotion was cancelled so slots became vacant.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

10.12.2025
Mohit Kumar

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