



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

LPA No.2644 of 2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 29.10.2025

JAGMOHAN SINGH

.....Appellant

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK MANCHANDA

Present: Mr. Maninder Arora, Advocate for the appellant.

Mr. A.S. Khara, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

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ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (Oral)

The appellant has impugned the judgment of the learned Single Bench dated 02.07.2025, whereby the writ petition preferred by him seeking appointment to the post of Khaddi Master, has been dismissed.

2. Learned counsel for the appellant submits that the appellant was a meritorious candidate in the SC category and therefore, the post which was reserved for this category ought to have been offered to him.

3. Heard.

4. The respondent-Board had issued advertisement dated 30.12.2015 inviting applications for the post of Khaddi Master. Two posts were advertised and one post was reserved for SC category. The appellant being Ramdasia Sikh had applied under the SC category. A separate category code No.102 was assigned for the candidates from SC (M&B). The State of Punjab in 2006 had enacted the Punjab Scheduled Castes and



Backward Classes (Reservation in Services) Act. Section 4 (5) of the said act clearly enjoins upon the authorities to reserve 50% of the posts reserved for Balmiki and Majbi in the Schedule Caste category in direct recruitment. It is also stipulated in the Act that in cases of direct recruitment, they shall be given first preference. It is not in dispute that only one post had been reserved for SC category and therefore, the post under the SC category was rightly offered to respondent No.3, who belongs to SC (M&B) category.

5. Furthermore, the constitutional validity of Section 4 (5) providing 50% sub reservation for SC (M&B) category in the SC category has been upheld by the Supreme Court in the case of *State of Punjab Versus Davinder Singh, 2024 SCC Online SC 1860*.

6. We, therefore, are in agreement with the judgment of learned Single Bench that as the post had been rightly offered to the candidate belonging to the SC (M&B) category, the petitioner cannot be offered appointment. Consequently, the Letters Patent Appeal being devoid of any merit stands dismissed.

7. All pending miscellaneous application(s) also stand disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)
JUDGE

29.10.2025
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned :	Yes/No
Whether Reportable :	Yes/No