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

CWP-22972-2025

Date of decision: 08.08.2025

Prem Parkash and others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR**Present:** Ms. Gitanjali Chhabra, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Vikas Arora, DAG, Punjab.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

The present civil writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing respondents to consider the petitioners as equivalent to degree holder employees after possessing 10 years of experience of Municipal Engineer which is equivalent to degree holder keeping in view the notification dated 26.05.1977 (Annexure P-1) as well as notification dated 14.10.2005 (Annexure P-3).

Learned counsel for the petitioners confines her prayer to the extent that petitioners would be satisfied if the legal notice of the petitioners is decided by the respondents by passing a speaking order in a time bound manner.

On the other hand, learned State counsel appearing on receipt of advance notice submits that the case of the petitioners is hopelessly time barred. The reliance on the notification dated 14.10.2005 (Annexure P-3) is totally misplaced as the eligibility criteria mentioned therein pertains exclusively to

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the post of Sub Divisional Engineers. He further submits that the claim whereby, the petitioners would be examined in accordance with law, an appropriate order shall be passed within a period of three months.

Therefore, in view of the limited prayer made by counsel for the petitioners, the respondents are directed to consider the legal notice (Annexure P-8) of the petitioners and pass a speaking order after affording them an opportunity to be heard, within a period of three months from the date of receiving a certified copy of this order. Further, the decision taken thereof shall be conveyed to the petitioners. Needless to say, if the petitioners are found entitled to the relief sought, the same shall be granted forthwith by the respondents.

Disposed of accordingly.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

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