



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

CWP-24136-2025

Date of decision : 02.09.2025

Sachin Sharma and others

...Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Navdeep Chhabra, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Maninderjit Singh Bedi, Advocate General Punjab.

Mr. Rahul Rampal, Addl.A.G.Punjab.

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

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J.(Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners had been appointed as Assistant Legal Officers and Legal Officers in Punjab Bureau of Investigation in pursuance to the advertisement issued by the respondent-department. They had been placed in Group 'C' although the essential qualification for appointment as Assistant Legal Officers is Graduation in Law (LLB) alongwith two years of experience at the Bar, while the qualification for the post of Legal Officer is Graduation in Law (LLB) alongwith seven years experience at the Bar. Learned counsel for the petitioners also submits that the post of Assistant Legal Officers and Legal Officers in all other departments of the State Government are placed in Group

‘B’ posts and are drawing a higher pay scale. He further submits that the petitioners would be preferring a representation to respondent No.1, who may be directed to consider and decide the same expeditiously in accordance with law.

- 2. Issue notice to the respondents.
- 3. Mr. Rahul Rampal, Addl.A.G.Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.
- 4. In view of the aforesaid facts and circumstances, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.1 to consider and decide the representation, as and when preferred by the petitioners in accordance with law within a period of three months thereafter.
- 5. All pending miscellaneous application(s) also stand disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No