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

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Date of Decision: 04.12.2025

Harmanjot Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present: - Mr. Ankush Rampal, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Aman Dhir, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is seeking direction to respondents to accept examination fee and issue admit card for the post of Punjab State Civil Services Combined Competitive Preliminary Examination to be held on 07.12.2025.

2. The petitioner is serving in Punjab Police as Sub-Inspector since September' 2024. He, pursuant to Advertisement No.20251 dated 02.01.2025 floated by Punjab Public Service Commission, applied for the advertised post. The last date for filing application was 31.01.2025. He filled and submitted online application form on 18.01.2025 under Balmiki/Mazhbi Sikh Category. System generated registration number. He was required to deposit requisite examination fee which was ₹2,750/-. The petitioner received e-mail acknowledging submission of examination form, however, due to continuous arduous law & order responsibilities, field and odd



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working hours, he could not make repeated attempts for making online payment. He, at present, is posted with Amritsar Police Commissionerate.

3. Mr. Aman Dhir, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, who on advance notice is present in Court on behalf of respondent-State, opposed claim of the petitioner.

4. I have heard the arguments of learned counsel for the petitioner and perused the record with his able assistance.

5. The petitioner filed application pursuant to advertisement dated 02.01.2025 well within time, however, did not deposit requisite fee which was mandatory, thus, respondent did not issue admit card. Last date to file application was 31.01.2025 and exam is going to be held on 07.12.2025. The petitioner remained silent for 10 months which shows inaction on his part. In every exam, there is cut-off date for filing application. If the petitioner is permitted to file application fee at this belated stage, it would open pandora's box and create unwanted litigation.

6. In the backdrop, this Court is of the considered opinion that present petition being bereft of merit deserves to be dismissed and accordingly dismissed.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

04.12.2025

Mohit Kumar

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