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

CWP-6903-2026

Date of decision: 09.03.2026

Rajesh Sharma

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Radesh Kumar Kalra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vikas Arora, DAG, Punjab.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. 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 *certiorari/mandamus* directing the respondents to correct the date of promotion of the petitioner to the post of Assistant Municipal Engineer (Civil) from 05.08.2020 to 03.01.2017 being the actual date of his promotion against a regular vacant post under the degree holder quota of Junior Engineer issued vide promotion order dated 03.01.2017 (Annexure P-4) which has been wrongly recorded as 05.08.2020 vide impugned order dated 31.12.2021 (Annexure P-7). Further, for issuance of directions to the respondents to revise the seniority list by placing the petitioner at his rightful position in accordance with the promotion order dated 03.01.2017 (Annexure P-4) against which the petitioner had submitted objections dated 21.06.2024 and 16.01.2025, to grant all consequential service and monetary benefits as well as consideration for promotion to the post of Municipal Engineer from the date he became eligible



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or from the date his juniors were promoted. In the alternate, for issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the respondents to consider and decide the legal notice dated 18.10.2025 (Annexure P-17) submitted by the petitioner.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he would be satisfied if the legal notice dated 18.10.2025 (Annexure P-17) of the petitioner is decided by respondent No.2 by passing a speaking order in a time bound manner.

3. Learned State counsel, appearing on advanced notice, submits that he has no objection in case a direction is issued to respondent No.2 for time-bound consideration and decision of the legal notice of the petitioner by passing a speaking order.

4. Therefore, in view of the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner, respondent No.2 is directed to consider the legal notice (Annexure P-17) of the petitioner and pass a speaking order, after affording him an opportunity to be heard, within a period of 03 months from the date of receiving a certified copy of this order. Further, the decision taken thereof shall be conveyed to the petitioner. Needless to say, if the petitioner is found entitled to the relief sought, the same shall be granted forthwith by respondent No.2.

5. Disposed of, accordingly.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

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