

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

2026:PHHC:041982



(145)

CWP-7947-2026

Date of Decision: 17.03.2026

Bhadur Lal

--Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & Ors.

--Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER.

Present:- Mr. Jai Bhagwan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Navneet Singh, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

HARSH BUNGER.J (Oral)

Prayer in the present civil writ petition, filed under Articles 226/227 of Constitution of India, is for issuance of a writ in the nature of Certiorari for quashing the order dated 11.10.2022 (Annexure P-1) passed by the learned Collector, Hoshiarpur; order dated 11.12.2024 (Annexure P-3) passed by learned Commissioner, Jalandhar Division, Jalandhar and order dated 21.08.2025 (Annexure P-5) passed by the learned Financial Commissioner.

2. Briefly, upon demise of Sh. Rajinder Lal, previous Lambardar (SC) of Village Ghago Rorawali, Tehsil Garhshankar District Hoshiarpur, proceedings were initiated for filling up the said post, wherein the present petitioner-Bahadur Lal and respondent no.5-Resham Lal were also the candidates.

2.1. Learned Collector, Hoshiarpur after considering the relative merits and demerits of the candidates, found respondent no.5-Resham Lal as a suitable candidate and accordingly appointed him as Lambardar (SC) of

the aforesaid village vide order dated 11.10.2022 (Annexure P-1).

2.2. Feeling aggrieved against the aforesaid order dated 11.10.2022 (Annexure P-1), petitioner preferred an appeal before the learned Commissioner, Jalandhar Division, Jalandhar, which was dismissed vide order dated 11.12.2024 (Annexure P-3).

2.3. Still dissatisfied, petitioner preferred a revision petition (ROR 207 of 2025), which has also been dismissed vide order dated 21.08.2025 (Annexure P-5) passed by the learned Financial Commissioner.

3. In the aforementioned circumstances, the present writ petition has been filed for seeking relief(s), as noticed herein above.

4. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner.

5. The only submission raised by learned counsel for the petitioner is that learned Financial Commissioner while passing the impugned order dated 21.08.2025 (Annexure P-5) has made a wrong observation that the petitioner runs a shoe shop outside the village and also operates buses at Garshankar. He submits that in fact the petitioner is running a shoe shop in the village itself and his buses are attached to a school at Garshankar and he is not personally driving those vehicles.

6. I have considered the aforesaid contentions raised on behalf of the petitioner, however, I find no merit in the same. Even if the contention raised on behalf of the petitioner is accepted, the same shall not make any effect on the orders passed by the revenue authorities below, whereby respondent no.5 has been consistently found to be a suitable candidate for the appointment of the post of Lambardar (SC). It is well settled that in the matters of appointment of Lambardar the choice of the learned Collector is not to be lightly interfered with, even if two views are possible, unless there

is any patently illegality or perversity.

7. I have gone through the orders passed by the learned Collector as well as the Appellate and Revisional Authorities and find no illegality or perversity therein.
8. In view of the above, I see no compelling reasons, which may warrant interference by this Court. Resultantly, the instant writ petition fails and is, accordingly, dismissed.
9. All pending application (s), if any, shall also stand closed.

(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE

17.03.2026

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