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

**CWP-8301-2026
DECIDED ON: 19.03.2026**

BAL RAM DUTT AND OTHERS**.....PETITIONER(S)****VERSUS****STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS****.....RESPONDENT(S)****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL**

Present: Mr. Jasbir Mor, Advocate
for the petitioner(s)

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J (ORAL)

1. “The jurisdiction of this Court has been invoked under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, praying for the issuance of an appropriate writ, order, or direction, particularly in the nature of mandamus, directing the respondents to adjust the petitioners against vacant posts of Junior Engineer (Civil), either in the same department/respondent No. 2 or in other departments/Boards/Corporations. The petitioners seek the same equitable relief as granted to similarly situated persons vide judgments and orders dated 24.12.2025, 30.01.2026, and 17.02.2026 (Annexures P-23, P-24, and P-25, respectively). It is further contended that a large number of Group ‘C’ contractual employees, engaged through HKRNL/respondent No. 10, were allowed to be retained against vacant posts in terms of letter dated 20.05.2025 (Annexure P-19), issued by respondent No. 1 in the Finance Department. The said letter (Annexure P-19) has also been relied upon by this Hon’ble Court in CWP No. 9827 of 2025, titled

Sandeep Kumar and others vs. State of Haryana, vide interim order dated 08.07.2025 (Annexure P-22).

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the issue involved in the present petition already stands adjudicated by this Court *vide* order dated 24.12.2025 passed in CWP-7437-2025 titled as '***Renu and ors. vs. State of Haryana and ors.***'

3. Notice of motion.

4. Ms. Ruchi Sekhri, Addl. AG. Haryana, having been served with an advance copy of petition, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and undertakes that the impugned relieving order by which the service of the petitioners were dispensed with shall be withdrawn and they will be allowed to continue till a fresh decision is taken. It has further been stated that the State shall undertake a fresh consideration of the matter by examining the case of the petitioners independently and shall pass appropriate orders in accordance with law.

5. In light of above, the present writ petition is disposed of in terms of the order dated 24.12.2025 passed in ***Renu and ors. (supra)***, as the controversy involved herein is squarely covered by the said decision. Accordingly, the respondents are directed to extend the same benefits to the petitioners, as admissible under law, within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

6. Ordered accordingly.

7. Pending application(s), if any shall be disposed off.

(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

19.03.2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No