



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

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CWP-9278-2026

Date of decision : 27.03.2026

Gurjit Singh

....Petitioner

V/S

The Punjab Public Service Commission and others

....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. Tejender Joshi, Advocate with
Mr. Rampal Kohle and Mr. Himanshu Khanna,
Advocate for the petitioner.

NAMIT KUMAR, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner has filed the instant petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to permit the petitioner to correct his category from 'General (Code 71)' to 'Ex-Serviceman Punjab (Code 72)' in his application form for the Punjab State Civil Services Combined Competitive Examination, 2025 and to consider his candidature under the 'Ex-Serviceman Punjab (Code 72)' category and if he is found to have scored above the cut-off for the said category, to declare him as qualified for appearing in the Mains Examination.

2. In view of the order of even date passed by this Court in ***CWP-1755-2026 titled as 'Tejpal Singh Vs. State of Punjab and another***, whereby, while deciding the similar issue in the same very selection process for the post of PCS (Executive Branch), it has been held that the change of category is not permissible as per the settled law, therefore, the instant writ petition is dismissed in the same terms.

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JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No