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

CWP No.10789 of 2026(O&M)

Date of decision : 28.04.2026

Amrinder Singh Kahlon @ Amrinder Singh and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPINDER SINGH
NALWA**

Present: Mr. Hanspuneet Singh Kehal, Advocate for the petitioner.

DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA, J. (Oral)

1. In the present writ petition, the petitioner is praying for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to deduct/remove the names of candidates selected pursuant to the advertisement dated 12.02.2025 (Annexure P-2), issued for the post of Constable in Punjab Police (District Cadre and Punjab Armed Police).

2. The brief facts of the case are that the respondents initially issued an advertisement dated 29.02.2024 (Annexure P-1) inviting applications for the posts of Constable in the District Cadre as well as in the Punjab Armed Police. Subsequently, another advertisement dated 12.02.2025 (Annexure P-2) was issued for similar posts in both cadres. The results of both selection processes have since been declared.



3. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that the candidates who have already been selected pursuant to the advertisement dated 29.02.2024 (Annexure P-1) and, thereafter, are also again selected under the subsequent advertisement dated 12.02.2025 (Annexure P-2), the names of such candidates should be deleted from the select list issued in pursuance to the second advertisement. He submits that if the names of the candidates who have already been selected in pursuance to advertisement dated 29.02.2024 (Annexure P-1) are deleted from the select list issued in pursuance to advertisement dated 12.02.2025 (Annexure P-2), the merit will come lower and the petitioner will have a chance to be appointed.

4. Having considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court finds no substance in the said contentions raised. Each advertisement constitutes a separate and independent selection process. There is no legal mandate requiring that candidates selected in one selection process be excluded from consideration or selection in another. It is well settled law that a candidate has a right to be considered for appointment, but does not have a vested right for appointment. The petitioner has admittedly been duly considered in both selection processes. Further, a perusal of the abovesaid advertisements would show that the posts were advertised for both District Cadre and the Punjab Armed Police. It may be a case that a candidate is selected in one cadre pursuant to the earlier advertisement and in another cadre in the subsequent advertisement and want to join cadre allotted in pursuance to subsequent advertisement. In



such circumstances, there exists no justification to remove or deduct such candidate’s name from the select list prepared pursuant to the second advertisement.

5. In view of the aforesaid facts, this Court finds no merit in the present writ petition, and the same is hereby dismissed.

6. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand(s) disposed of.

28.04.2026	(DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA)	
<i>d.gulati</i>	JUDGE	
Whether speaking / reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No