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

**CWP-11314-2026(O&M)
Date of decision : 12.05.2026**

Daljit Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Sukhjit Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Rohit Ahuja, DAG, Punjab.

DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA, J. (Oral)

In the present writ petition, the petitioner is praying for issuance of a writ in the nature of Certiorari for quashing the order dated 24.01.2025 (Annexure P-6) passed by respondent No.2, whereby the claim of the petitioner for promotion to the post of Head Constable, despite his name is enlisted in List C-II (Exemptee), has been declined on the ground that the petitioner has not cleared the Lower School Training Course, which is mandatory in terms of Section 20(3) of the Punjab Police Act, 2007. The petitioner has also challenged the Standing Order No.02 of 2022 dated 23.04.2022 (Annexure P-7), whereby it has been stipulated that all personnel brought to promotion lists C-II, D-II and E-II are required to undergo pre-promotional courses in terms of the Punjab Police Act, 2007.

2. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioner submits that vide order dated 14.05.2022 (Annexure P-3) passed by respondent No.3, similarly situated persons, who had also not passed the Lower



School Training Course and were placed in promotional list C-II (Exemptee), were granted promotion to the post of Head Constable, as such, the petitioner, being similarly situated, is also entitled to be considered for promotion to the post of Head Constable.

3. On the other hand, learned State counsel submits that Section 20(3) of the Punjab Police Act, 2007 specifically provides that no police officer shall be deployed on duty without undergoing and passing the prescribed basic training and no police officer shall be promoted to a higher rank without undergoing and passing the prescribed pre-promotional training. He further submits that in consonance with the aforesaid statutory provision, Standing Order No.02 of 2022 dated 23.04.2022 (Annexure P-7) was issued by respondent No.2, wherein it has been specifically provided that all personnel brought to promotion Lists C-II, D-II and E-II are required to undergo pre-promotional courses for the purpose of promotion, as the Punjab Police Act, 2007 does not provide for any exemption in this regard.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties at length and perused the record.

5. Insofar as the contention raised by learned counsel for the petitioner regarding grant of similar benefit of promotion on the basis of parity with other similarly situated persons, relying on order dated 14.05.2022 (Annexure P-3) is concerned, a perusal of the said order reveals that the cases of C-II (Exemptee) officials were considered for promotion after culmination of departmental as well as criminal



proceedings, and they were consequently promoted to the rank of officiating Head Constable w.e.f. 13.03.2022. The said order further indicates that all such persons who were granted promotion were senior to the petitioner. Moreover, all the promotions under the said order were granted with effect from 13.03.2022, i.e. prior to the issuance of Standing Order dated 23.04.2022 (Annexure P-7), as such, petitioner cannot take benefit of order dated 14.05.2022 (Annexure P-3).

6. In regard to Standing order dated 23.04.2022 (Annexure P-7) is concerned, as the said order has been issued in light of the Punjab Police Act, 2007, as such, Standing order dated 23.04.2022 (Annexure P-7) is legal and valid. Taking into consideration the facts of the case, this Court is of the view that the claim of the petitioner for promotion to the post of Head Constable not having undergone the Lower School Training Course, has rightly been declined.

7. This Court does not find any infirmity or illegality in the impugned order dated 24.01.2025 (Annexure P-6). Consequently, finding no merit in the present writ petition, the same stands dismissed.

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

12.05.2026

(DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA)

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JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned :

Yes

No

Whether Reportable :

Yes

No