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

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Date of decision: 30.04.2026

Kapil Sachdeva

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. Parvesh K. Saini, Advocate,
Mr. Ashutosh Bhardwaj, Advocate, and
Mr. Budhadev Maity, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Anu Chatrath, Addl. A.G., Punjab,
with Mr. Surya Kumar, AAG, Punjab.

NAMIT KUMAR, J. (ORAL)

1. Instant petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to quash the action of the respondent-department for not considering the petitioner for the post of ETT under the general category, despite having higher merit (126 marks) than the last selected candidate of the said category (124 marks); to direct the respondent-department to consider the candidature of the petitioner under the general category in accordance with his merit; for directing the respondent-department to appoint the petitioner on the post of ETT in pursuance of advertisement dated 12.10.2022 (Annexure P-1) with all consequential and actual benefits from the date on which his

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counterparts were appointed under the same advertisement and for quashing the action of the respondent-department whereby vide provisional selection list dated nil published on 17.04.2026 (Annexure P-13), candidates of the reserve category, including those who were lower in merit, have been selected under the general category.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that for the redressal of his grievances, petitioner has moved a representation dated 21.04.2026 (Annexure P-14) to the respondents, however, the same is still pending consideration. Learned counsel for the petitioner confines his prayer for deciding representation dated 21.04.2026 (Annexure P-14) and submits that at this stage, petitioner would be satisfied, if the said representation is considered and disposed of by passing a speaking order in a time-bound frame.

3. Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 4 only at this stage.

4. Ms. Anu Chatrath, Addl. A.G., Punjab, with Mr. Surya Kumar, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 4 and they have no objection to the innocuous prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner and further submit that the said representation shall be considered and disposed of within a period of one week from today.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record of the case.

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6. Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioner in the present petition, respondent No.3 is directed to consider and decide the claim made by the petitioner in the representation dated 21.04.2026 (Annexure P-14) in accordance with law, by passing a speaking order within a period of one week from today. Till the said decision is taken by respondent No.3, one post of ETT in general category shall not be filled for a period of ten days.

7. The petition stands disposed of.

30.04.2026
R.S.

(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

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