



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

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CWP-14596-2026

Date of decision : 12.05.2026

Ratinder Singh and others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. Angad Parmar, Advocate with
Mr. Sumbhav Parmar, Advocate for the petitioners.

NAMIT KUMAR J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioners under Articles 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to consider the candidature of the petitioners for appointment to the post of Agriculture Sub Inspector against the available vacancies arising out of Advertisement No.18/2022, including those remaining unfilled and those arising due to subsequent resignations; to fill up all the available vacancies in a fair, transparent and non-arbitrary manner, by duly considering eligible candidates from the existing merit list; and to disclose the category-wise status of the vacant posts and to take a decision in accordance with the applicable reservation policy, including carry forward and de-reservation rules. Further, seeking issuance of a writ of certiorari for quashing the arbitrary action of the respondents in selectively filling only 13 posts without any public notice.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that for redressal of their grievances, the petitioners have also submitted

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representation dated 21.04.2026 (Annexure P-18) before the respondents which is still pending consideration. He further submits that at this stage, the petitioners would be satisfied, if appropriate directions are issued to the respondents to consider and decide the said representation, by passing a speaking order, in a time bound manner.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Swapan Shorey, D.A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-State. He has no objection to the innocuous prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners.

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

6. Without going into the merits of the case at this stage, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.1 to consider and decide representation dated 21.04.2026 (Annexure P-18) submitted by the petitioners expeditiously, by passing a speaking order after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioners, preferably within a period of 03 months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. Further, the decision taken thereon shall be conveyed to the petitioners.

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JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No