



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

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CWP-14458-2026

Date of decision : 11.05.2026

Sunil Kathpal and others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. Hitesh Sood, Advocate for the petitioners.

NAMIT KUMAR J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioners under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, seeking a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to grant an opportunity to the petitioners to participate in the selection process of selecting the vacant stations falling in their respective districts and allot them new stations on the same terms and conditions from the date of initial joining with all consequential reliefs before finalizing the transfer/promotion process.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that for redressal of their grievances, the petitioners have also served legal notice dated 02.05.2026 (Annexure P-9) to 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 legal notice, 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



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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.2 to consider and decide legal notice dated 02.05.2026 (Annexure P-9) submitted by the petitioners expeditiously, by passing a speaking order after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioners, preferably within a period of 06 weeks 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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(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No