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

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Date of Decision: 06.02.2026

Dilbag Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present: - None for the petitioner

Mr. Aman Dhir, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is seeking direction to respondents to count service rendered by him as Special Police Officer ('SPO') as qualifying service for the purpose of seniority to the post of Constable.

2. Learned State counsel submits that this Court in ***Bhagwant Singh and others v. State of Punjab and others, 2025 SCC OnLine P&H 331*** has settled the issue. The Court has held that service rendered as SPO cannot be counted for seniority.

3. On being pointed out judgments of this Court in ***Sukhjeet Singh and others v. State of Punjab, CWP No.9936 of 2017*** and ***Harbans Lal v. State of Punjab, CWP No.2371 of 2010***, learned State counsel submits that petitioner may be entitled to the benefit of aforesaid judgments.

4. In the backdrop, the petition stands dismissed *qua* claim of seniority in terms of judgment of this Court in ***Bhagwant Singh (supra)***,

However, it is made clear that respondents shall consider petitioner's claim

qua other benefits as per judgment of this Court in *Sukhjeet Singh (supra)* and *Harbans Lal (supra)*, if he files representation.

5. There is no representation of the petitioner, thus, he is at liberty to move an appropriate application within 3 months from today, if cause survives.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

06.02.2026
Mohit Kumar

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