



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

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CWP-15981-2026

Date of decision : 21.05.2026

Sikandar Singh and others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. Paresh K. Saini, Advocate with
Mr. Ashutosh Bhardwaj, 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 issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to notionally appoint the petitioners as Agriculture Development Officer in pursuance to Advertisement No.2 dated 30.01.2020 (Annexure P-1) and to grant them all consequential benefits w.e.f. 20.05.2021 i.e. the date when similarly situated candidates have been selected and appointed, whereas the petitioners have been appointed w.e.f. 20.03.2025 in pursuance to the judgment dated 14.10.2024 (Annexure P-5) passed by this Court.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that for redressal of their grievances, the petitioners have also served demand notice/representation dated 06.04.2026 (Annexure P-12) 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 demand notice/representation, by passing a speaking order, in a time bound manner.

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3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Siddharth Sandhu, A.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.5 to consider and decide demand notice/representation dated 06.04.2026 (Annexure P-12) 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