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

**RA-LP-122-2025 with CM-8521-LPA-2025
in LPA-2077-2023**

Date of Decision: 16th January, 2026.

SURAJ SHARMA***.....Appellant(s)*****V/s*****STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS******.....Respondent(s)***

CORAM: **HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA**
 HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE RAMESH KUMARI

Present Mr. Narender Singh Kamboj, Advocate,
 for the applicant-appellant.

Ms. Samdisha Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA, J. (Oral)

CM-8521-LPA-2025

Delay of 45 days in filing of the Review Application has been satisfactorily explained. Accordingly, application is allowed and delay of 45 days in filing the Review Application is condoned.

RA-LP-122-2025 (O&M)

1. This review application is filed by the appellant for review of order dated 12.09.2025 passed by this Court in LPA-2077-2023, stating that the appellant is entitled to benefit of the Proviso 4 to Rule 17 of the Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Conditions of Service) Rules, 1994 (hereinafter referred to as “the Rules of 1994”) as per which the appellant, being a ward of the defence personnel, would have two years' time, from the date of his/her appointment, to pass clear Punjabi language examination.

2. Learned counsel for the State contends that the applicant-appellant applied for the post of Clerk in Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. (for short “PSPCL”) under the category of Persons with Disability (Visually Handicapped), whereas the Proviso to Rule 17 of the Rules of 1994 is applicable only to the wards of the Defence Service Personnel; consequently, the benefit of the said provision cannot be extended to him.

3. Learned State counsel points out that the recruitment was made for the PSPCL, which is an independent body and the Rules of 1994, relied upon by the review review-applicant/appellant, has no applicability in the facts of the present case.

4. Admittedly, in the advertisement issued for appointment, contained in P-1, there is no such provision akin to Proviso 4 to Rule 17 of the Rules of 1994. Nothing is shown to indicate that the Rules of 1994 would be applicable even in respect of recruitment to be made by the Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. which is an autonomous/ independent body.

5. Moreover, perusal of the admit-card of applicant-appellant issued by the PSPCL, appended as Annexure P-2 to the Writ Petition, reveals that he has applied under the category of Persons with Disability (Visually Handicapped). Accordingly, Proviso to Rule 17 of the Rules of 1994 is not applicable to the present case.

6. In such circumstances, we find no good ground to review our order dated 12.09.2025 passed in LPA-2077-2023. Consequently, the Review Application fails and is **dismissed**.

7. All pending applications, if any, in this case are disposed of accordingly.

[ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA]
JUDGE

[RAMESH KUMARI]
JUDGE

January 16, 2026
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<i>Whether speaking / reasoned</i>	:	<i>Yes</i>	/	<i>No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	:	<i>Yes</i>	/	<i>No</i>