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**HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH
AT JAMMU**

WP(C) No. 166/2022
CM No. 6730/2022

Shagun Rani

.....Petitioner(s)

Through: Mr. Aniruddh Sharma, Advocate.

Vs

Punjab National Bank & Ors.

.....Respondent(s)

Through: Mr. Anchit Sharma, Advocate for respondent-Bank.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY DHAR, JUDGE
ORDER
(09.02.2026)

CM No. 6730/2022

01. This is an application filed by the petitioner seeking amendment of the writ petition. In the application, it has been submitted that inadvertently the petitioner did not challenge the selection of respondent Nos. 3 and 4, who according to the petitioner are inferior in merit to her. It has been submitted that the petitioner intends to challenge the selection of respondent Nos. 3 and 4, for which averments are required to be incorporated in the writ petition and an appropriate prayer is required to be added.

02. Respondent Nos. 1 and 2 have filed their objections to the application in which it has been submitted that the proposed amendment is not necessary for the just decision of the case. Besides this, the said respondents have contended that the writ petition itself is not maintainable on merits.

03. Heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

04. The petitioner, by way of original writ petition, has sought a direction upon the respondent No. 1 to consider her for the post of Peon under the RBA category and compute her merit on the basis of marks obtained in 10th and 12th standards. Although in the writ petition, the petitioner has impleaded respondent Nos. 3 and 4 as parties, yet their selection has not been challenged by the petitioner. However, in para No. 7 of the writ petition, the petitioner has clearly averred that the respondent Nos. 3 and 4 are inferior in merit to her. Thus it is not a case where the petitioner has come up with a new set of facts, but it is a case where due to inadvertence, the petitioner has not prayed for quashment of selection of respondent Nos. 3 and 4. In fact, for adjudication of the issues involved in the writ petition, merits of the challenge to the selection of respondent Nos. 3 and 4 are required to be adjudicated upon. Therefore, the contention raised by the respondent Nos. 1 and 2 that amendment sought is not necessary, is without any merit.

05. For the forgoing reasons, the application is *allowed* and the petitioner is permitted to amend the writ petition to the extent indicated in the application.

06. The amended writ petition is taken on record.

07. Reply be filed by the respondents to the amended writ petition by next date of hearing.

08. List on **24.03.2026**.

09. Application is, accordingly, ***disposed of***.

(SANJAY DHAR)
JUDGE

JAMMU
09.02.2026

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