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

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Date of decision: 13.05.2026

Amrit Pal and others

....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. Parvesh K. Saini, Advocate,
Mr. Budhadev Maity, Advocate, and
Mr. Ashutosh Bhardwaj, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Swapan Shorey, DAG, Punjab.

NAMIT KUMAR, J. (ORAL)

1. Instant writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for quashing the action of the respondent-department in not granting the petitioners an opportunity of transfer/station choice in terms of public notice dated 04.05.2026 (Annexure P-7), especially when the respondent-department itself has already granted the petitioners notional benefits and seniority with effect from the date their respective juniors recruited under the same advertisement joined service i.e. 2021, vide speaking order dated 06.01.2026 (Annexure P-6); for directing the respondent-department to allow the petitioners to apply for transfer/station choice and to consider their claim in a fair and proper manner; for directing the respondent-department to grant the petitioners a special opportunity for transfer/station choice or alternatively direct the respondent-department



to reserve/keep vacant respective stations in the ongoing transfer process for which the petitioners have opted for the purpose of transfer till the final decision of the present petition.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that for redressal of their grievances, petitioners have served a justice demand notice dated 08.05.2026 (Annexure P-11) upon the respondents, however, no action has been taken thereon till date. Learned counsel for the petitioners confines his prayer for deciding justice demand notice dated 08.05.2026 (Annexure P-11) and submits that at this stage, petitioners would be satisfied, if the said justice demand notice is considered and disposed of by passing a speaking order in a time-bound frame.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Swapan Shorey, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and 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 expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioners in the present petition, respondent No.3 is directed to consider and decide the claim made by the petitioners in the justice demand notice dated 08.05.2026 (Annexure P-11) in accordance with law, by passing a speaking order within a



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period of four weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

7. The petition stands disposed of.

13.05.2026

R.S.

(NAMIT KUMAR)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No