SUPREME COURT OF INDIA RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 13676/2017

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 22-03-2017 in LPA No. 938/2016 passed by the High Court Of Punjab & Haryana At Chandigarh)

GAGANDEEP SINGH

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF PUNJAB & ORS.

Respondent(s)

Date: 01-08-2018 This petition was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KURIAN JOSEPH

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KISHAN KAUL

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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following O R D E R

In the counter affidavit filed on behalf of the State, it is stated as follows :-

is respectfully submitted that advertisement was issued by the Commission on 06.10.2016 for the recruitment to 2 posts of District Programme Officer out of which 1 post was reserved for Balmiki/Mazbi Sikh category, i.e. the category to which the previous incumbent Gurpreet Singh belonged. As such vacancy accruing on account resignation of a candidate belonging

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reserved category was again kept reserved for the same category."

However, it is seen from the advertisement No. 5 (vii) dated 06.08.2016, the post advertised is for category No. 77-SC(others). It is pointed out that Balmiki/Mazbi Sikh is Category No. 81 and as per the 1996 Circular, the vacancy is to be specifically for Balmiki/Mazbi Sikh. It is *prima facie* clear from the advertisement issued in the year 2016 that Balmiki/Mazbi Sikh category is not readvertised.

Faced with such a situation, the learned counsel seeks some time for clarification and file a fresh affidavit. The needful shall be done within three weeks.

Post on 28.08.2018.

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