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No. HB (S)/EA-I/2019//558

Dated 17.06.2019

<u>ORDER</u>

The issue of finalization of seniority list of Clerks is pending for last many years. A draft seniority list was circulated vide letter no. HB (S)/EA-I/2017/ 3463 dated 07.11.2017 which was objected by one set of officials claiming that the seniority list should have been drawn on the basis of performance in the common examination. After examining the claims & objections, a revised draft seniority list was circulated vide letter no. HB (S)/EA-I/2019/ 978 dated 10.04.2019. The revised draft seniority list has also been objected by the other set of officials saying that since vacancies were advertised in two spells i.e. in year 2012 and 2013, the seniority list should have been drawn on the basis of the vacancy against which the selection was made. Their contention is that the candidates selected against the vacancies notified in 2012 should be placed above the candidates selected against the vacancies notified in 2013, irrespective of their performance in the common examination.

- 2. The brief facts are as under:
 - a) 11 vacancies were notified in the year 2012 and 33 vacancies were notified in the year 2013. While notifying the vacancies for the year 2013, it was specifically mentioned that these posts are in addition to the posts already advertised in 2012 and eligible candidates need not to apply again.
 - b) The clause-9 of the vacancy notification of 2013 specifically mentioned says that the selection list in order of merit will be prepared by the Committee on the basis of total marks obtained in the written test and Interview. Hence it was not conceived at that stage that two separate merit lists will be prepared. However after compilation of the result of the common examination, an opinion was taken from an advocate of the CHB (Legal Retainer) which was endorsed by the Standing Counsel to prepare two merit lists.
 - c) A draft seniority list was earlier circulated vide letter no. HB (S)/EA-I/2017/ 3463 dated 07.11.2017 and the same objected because the candidates selected against the vacancies notified in 2012 (including who selected through wait-list) were placed above to those who have been selected against the vacancies in 2013, irrespective of their performance in the common examination. Even the topper of the common examination being an applicant of the vacancies notified in 2013 got placed below the candidates selected against the vacancies of 2012. Hence many candidates who secured lesser marks were placed above the candidates securing higher marks in the common examination.

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d) After considering the objections, a revised draft seniority list was circulated vide letter no. HB (S)/EA-I/2019/ 978 dated 10.04.2019. This revised draft seniority list was drawn strictly based on performance in the common written examination irrespective of the vacancy year to which the candidate applied. This draft seniority list was also objected saying that the candidates selected against the vacancies notified in 2012 should be placed above the candidates selected to the vacancies notified in 2013, irrespective of their performance in the common examination.

3. Considering complexity of the issue, an open house hearing was given by the , undersigned on 14.06.2019 to all the clerks. The hearing was attended by about 25 clerks in presence of the Secretary and the Administrative Officer of the CHB.

4. After examining the claims & objections and hearing the candidates, it is observed that:

- a) The OM no. 20011/1/2006-Estt (D) dated 03.03.2008 of DoP&T, Govt of India clearly says that when appointments against unfilled vacancies are made in subsequent year or years, the persons so appointed shall not get seniority of any earlier year (viz. year of vacancy/panel or year in which recruitment process in initiated) but should get the seniority of the year in which they are appointed on substantive basis. The year of availability will be the vacancy year in which a candidate of the particular batch of selected direct recruit joins the post/service.
- b) Generally in case of common examination for vacancies notified in parts, the candidates who had applied against earlier vacancy notices get automatic relaxation in age because of the criteria being of particular age on the date of close of application. However selection lists are drawn strictly based on performance in the common written examination. The relative seniority of all direct recruits is generally determined by the order of merit in which they are selected for such appointment on the basis of an examination.
- c) The clause-9 of the vacancy notification of 2013 specifically mentioned that the selection list, in order of merit, will be prepared by the Committee on the basis of total marks obtained in the written test and Interview.
- d) The candidates who applied against the vacancies notified in 2012 were considered for the vacancies notified subsequently in 2013 also but not the vice-versa i.e. the candidates who applied against the vacancies notified in 2013 were not considered for the vacancies notified earlier in 2012. If a common merit list would have drawn for all the 44 (11+33) vacancies then many candidate selected/wait-listed would have been out of the selection process. However since we have already completed the recruitment process and the persons have joined, there may not be any point to deliberate further at this belated stage.

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e) The candidates who applied against the vacancies notified in 2012 have got some benefit in the selection process but giving them preference in seniority also may not be appropriate. It may neither be logical nor justified to place a similar category person of higher merit below a person of lower merit of the common examination just because the applications for recruitments were invited in two parts. It would be highly frustrating throughout his/her career and it may result in further anomalies where a similar category person of lower merit may get promoted to higher post while the other person of higher merit may be required to report to him/her.

5. In view of above, the above claims & objections against the revised draft seniority list circulated vide letter no. HB (S)/EA-I/2019/ 978 dated 10.04.2019 are not accepted and the inter-se -seniority of the candidates selected through the common examination is to be retained as per performance in the common examination.

6. Some of the other claims against the revised seniority list are accepted as follows:

- a) Category 'SC' to be mentioned against the name of Shri Dharampal Singh
- b) Ms. Rupi Rani and Shri Sukhbir Singh may be placed below Shri Navjot Singh in view of their recruitment and joining being subsequently.

7. Accordingly the revised draft seniority list circulated vide letter no. HB (S)/EA-I/2019/ 978 dated 10.04.2019 is hereby decided to be the final seniority list with changes as per para-6 above. Accordingly a copy of the final seniority list, duly authenticated by the undersigned, is enclosed. This may be circulated to all concerned officials, uploaded on the website of the CHB and also to be displayed on the Notice-Board.

(Yashpal Garg, IAS) Chief Executive Officer, Chandigarh Housing Board

Enclosure: Final Seniority List of Clerks

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All concerned Officials (By name)

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2	-	Ram Rajinder Kumar Sharma S/o Sh. Ram Sarup	Gen		06.06.1966	15.01.2001		Placement as Jr. Asstt. on 01.11.2012
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4	300584	Manisha Mehindiratta D/o Sh. Gulshan Kuma	Gen	66	21-06-1988		(A/N)	
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6	303707	Sunil Kumar S/o Sh. Raj Kumar		65	10-11-1978 27-11-1985	26-09-2014		
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