

CWP No. 17557 of 2013**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**CWP No. 17557 of 2013**Date of Decision: July 02, 2015****Gurmeet Chand & another**

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIHPresent: Mr. R.K. Arora, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Ashish Sharma, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (Oral):

It is the contention of the counsel for the petitioners that admittedly, petitioners have been promoted to the post of Lecturer but no seniority number has been assigned to them. The claim of the petitioners by assigning them the seniority and a consequence thereof, i.e. further consideration for the post of Principal stands rejected on the ground that the seniority list has been finalized and therefore, the petitioners cannot be assigned any seniority number. He, thus, contends that once the petitioners stand promoted to the post of Lecturer, they are required to be granted the seniority number in the cadre of Lecturers and merely because the seniority has been finalized, they cannot be denied the benefit of assigning/inclusion in the cadre of Lecturers.

This contention of the counsel for the petitioners is fully justified and therefore, the present writ petition deserves to be

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accepted. The order dated 22.07.2013 (Annexure P-14) is hereby quashed. Direction is issued to the respondents to consider the claim of the petitioners for assigning them the seniority in the cadre of Lecturers. On doing so, the claim of the petitioner for further promotion to the post of Principal be considered as per the Rules.

It may be added here that the Coordinate Bench of this Court has disposed CWP No.5059 of 2011, titled as 'Harpal Singh Vs. State of Punjab & others', on the basis of the statement made by the counsel for the State that the seniority dated 07.03.2011 shall be reconsidered and finalized on or before 30.09.2015. The claim of the present petitioners be also considered alongwith the other Lecturers for the said purpose.

Writ petition stands allowed accordingly.

July 02, 2015

Harish

**(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE**