

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

CWP No.22735 of 2014
Date of decision: 11.03.2015

Narender Kaur

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI

Present: Mr. Sunny Singla, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

1. Whether reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?
2. To be referred to the reporters or not?
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the digest?

ARUN PALLI J. (Oral)

Writ in the nature of mandamus is prayed for, directing the respondents to consider and appoint the petitioner as Social Studies Teacher (Master Cadre), as she is fully eligible and candidates lower in merit than her have been appointed. It is averred that 1573 posts of SST (Master Cadre) were advertised. Petitioner competed for selection against the said posts in the BC category. During the counseling, she was asked to submit an affidavit in support of her claim being a Backward Class candidate, the direction that was complied with and the necessary affidavit was furnished. However, in October, 2014, list of eligible candidates for appointment was issued, but the name of the petitioner does not figure therein.

It is maintained that the petitioner had obtained 57.03%

marks, whereas candidates lower in merit in the BC category have since been appointed. So much so, petitioner had represented to the Chairman, Recruitment Cell cum Deputy Director General, School Education, vide representation dated 21.10.2014 (Annexure P10), but the same has failed to evoke any response.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that, at this stage, let this petition be disposed of with a direction to the respondents to consider and decide her representation within a stipulated period of time.

That being so, and without expressing any opinion on merits, the petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to consider and decide the claim of the petitioner, as set out in her representation dated 21.10.2014 (Annexure P10), in accordance with law, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. Needless to assert, a comprehensive order shall be passed assigning reasons in support of the decision arrived at.

March 11, 2015
Rajan

(Arun Palli)
Judge