

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

CWP No.4872 of 2015
Date of decision: 18.03.2015

Ashwani Kumar Raina

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI

Present: Mr. Sarabjit S. Khaira, 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 promote the petitioner to the post of Vocational Lecturer (Mech. Engg.) from the post of Hindi Master. Learned counsel contends that petitioner is working against the post of Hindi Master since 01.02.2002 and was appointed directly in the category of Ex-Servicemen (General). He further contends that at the time of entry into service, there was no recruitment to the post of Vocational Master and now number of vacancies i.e. Vocational Master, are lying vacant. Since petitioner fulfills the requisite qualification to be considered for promotion against the said post, he represented to respondent No.1 in this regard vide representation dated 24.03.2012 (Annexure P3). So much so, prior to the institution of this petition, respondents were even served upon

a legal notice dated 10.02.2015 (Annexure P-7), but to no avail.

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 his notice within a stipulated period of time.

That being so, and without expressing any opinion on merits, this petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to consider and decide the claim of the petitioner, as set out in the legal notice dated 10.02.2015 (Annexure P7), strictly in accordance with law, within a period of 4 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 18, 2015
Rajan

(Arun Palli)
Judge