

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH.**

CWP No.13358 of 2016

Date of Decision:-12.07.2016

Raghbir Singh.

.....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab & Ors.

.....Respondents.

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present:- Mr. Manish Dadwal, Advocate for the Petitioner.

JASWANT SINGH, J.(ORAL)

Petitioner is working as a Vocational Master (Electronics) since 09.03.1985 with the Education Department, Government of Punjab. He belongs to the Scheduled Caste category. He is seeking consideration for promotion to the posts of Principal/Headmaster in the 15% quota prescribed under the Punjab Education Service (School and Inspection Group-A Service) Rules, 2004.

It is claimed that the department was only considering those vocational lecturers/Masters/Mistresses for promotion in the said quota who possessed the qualification of a degree in engineering. The petitioner possesses only diploma in engineering. It is submitted that the issue stands decided that no distinction between the degree holder and diploma holders can be made in the said 15% quota.

At the time of hearing, learned Counsel for the petitioner

submits that his client would be satisfied if a direction is issued to the Secretary, Department of Education to decide his legal notice dated 12.04.2016 (**P-2**) within some reasonable time by passing a speaking order.

The prayer is reasonable and, therefore, is accepted.

In view of the above, present writ petition is disposed of with the direction to the Secretary, Department of Education, Government of Punjab to consider and decide the claim of the petitioner as canvassed in the legal notice **P-2** by passing a speaking order within a period of six months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE

July 12, 2016
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