

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

**Civil Writ Petition No. 21478 of 2014 (O&M)  
Date of Decision: 11.11.2016**

Darshan Singh and others

..... Petitioners

**Versus**

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH**

Present: Mr. Virinder Kumar Shukla, Advocate  
for the petitioners.

Mr. Harkesh Manuja, Additional Advocate General, Punjab  
for the respondents/State.

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**JASWANT SINGH, J. (ORAL)**

The petitioners, thirteen (13) in number, while substantively holding the ranks of Masters/Lecturers, were made to exclusively officiate on the higher ranks of Head Masters/Principals for different periods of time. Thus, in the present petition they are claiming the salary in the pay scales of the higher posts for the officiate period.

Upon notice, the respondents have filed a reply, wherein it is stated that all the petitioners, except petitioner No. 8 (Balwinder Singh S/o Bachan Singh, Science Master), have since been released all the admissible monetary benefits. As regards the said Balwinder Singh (petitioner No. 8), it is stated that he is not employment of the Education Department.

In response, learned counsel for the petitioners concedes that the present petition has become infructuous qua all the petitioners, however, it was Gurdip Singh s/o Bachan Singh (Science Master), who is, presently,

posted at Govt. Senior Secondary School, Khote, District Moga and was sought to be arrayed as petitioner No. 8. However, due to inadvertent mistake, it was typed as Balwinder Singh S/o Bachan Singh.

In view of the aforesaid circumstances, the present petition is disposed of as infructuous.

The Department concerned is directed to look into the grievance of the aforesaid Gurdip Singh and release the admissible relief to him, failing which the said Gurdip Singh would be free to seek the remedy in accordance with law.

**November 11, 2016**

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**( JASWANT SINGH )  
JUDGE**

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| Whether Speaking/reasoned | Yes |
| Whether Reportable        | No  |