

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

**1. Civil Writ Petition No.2418 of 2016
Date of decision: 16.3.2016**

Harpreet Kaur

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

2. Civil Writ Petition No.2528 of 2016

Parvinder Kaur

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.S.SANDHAWALIA

Present: Mr. H.C.Arora, Advocate for the petitioner.

G.S.SANDHAWALIA, J. (Oral)

This order shall dispose of Civil Writ Petitions No.2418 and 2528 of 2016 as common question of facts are involved in both these petitions.

The petitioners seek consideration for the post of Master cadre on the ground that their applications are not being considered since they have passed Punjab Teachers Eligibility Test-2 in the years 2014 and 2011.

It is not disputed that the public notice qua the said posts for Hindi Masters/Mistress and Social Studies Masters/Mistress etc. was advertised on 20.11.2015 (Annexures P/1 and P/2). The cut off date was 12.12.2015. The requirement was given that the candidates should possess Bachelor's degree from a recognised university along with elective subject, the degree in Education apart from passing of PSTET-2 was one of the essential condition. It is not disputed that the petitioners approached this Court on 8.2.2016 after the cut off date i.e. 12.12.2015 and therefore, they can not now turn around and submit that the interim orders passed in

the case of ETT Teachers would also be applicable to them. This Court has already decided the said issue in **Civil Writ Petition No.25773 of 2015-Harmanpreet Singh Wadhwa and others Vs. State of Punjab and others** on 11.3.2016 in which the State itself had extended the date and issued a corrigendum and increased seats from 3522 to 4500 and extended the last date of applications. The petitioners being fully eligible in pursuance of already having been passed the test in the years 2011 and 2014 had failed to apply by the last date and missed the bus. They, therefore, now cannot turn around and say that their applications are liable to be considered. It is settled principle that the last date is a sacrosanct date and cannot be altered as it will open a flood gate if benefit is given to one candidate. The petitioners having missed the bus and approached this Court after the cut off date, no relief can be granted to them with regard to consideration of their applications on account of their own lapse.

Accordingly, both the present writ petitions are dismissed.

A photo copy of this order be placed on record of the connected case file.

March 16, 2016
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(G.S.SANDHAWALIA)
Judge