

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

**CWP No.602 of 2016
Date of decision: 13.01.2016**

Indu Bala

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RITU BAHRI

Present: Mr. Sanjiv Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

RITU BAHRI J. (Oral)

The petitioner has filed this writ petition seeking direction to the respondents to fix her seniority at the original place as Junior Scale Stenographer over and above the persons who were junior to her.

The grievance of the petitioner is that on account of maternity leave she could not participate in the departmental test which was a condition to make her eligible for promotion to the next post of Senior Scale Stenographer. However, as per the instructions dated 12.12.1997, issued by the Department (Annexure P-4), an opportunity was required to be given to the petitioner to appear in the departmental test on return from maternity leave and the seniority was to be restored. The petitioner

after participating in the test has been promoted to the post of Junior Scale Stenographer in the year 1998. A legal notice dated 06.10.2015, in this regard, has been made to the respondents vide Annexure P-8.

Keeping in view the above facts and circumstances and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the present petition, at this stage, is disposed of with a direction to respondents to look into the legal notice (Annexure P-8) and shall pass an appropriate speaking order within a period of six months in accordance with law.

(RITU BAHRI)
JUDGE

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