

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

**CIVIL WRIT PETITION NO.10961 of 2017
DATE OF DECISION: MAY 19, 2017**

Balraj Singh

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

Present: Mr. Hari Chand, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner has approached this Court asserting that he was issued an appointment letter dated 04.11.2016 (Annexure P-2) on the post of Science Master but because of peculiar circumstances in the family and some family difficulties, he could not join the same within the stipulated time. However, prior to expiry of period of joining time, he had submitted a representation dated 17.11.2016 (Annexure P-3) to the Director, Education Department (Secondary Education), Punjab, which has not been responded to. Thereafter the petitioner served a notice through counsel dated 30.01.2017 (Annexure P-5), which also has not been responded to till date. The information as sought by the petitioner under the Right to Information Act indicates that 437 vacancies are still lying vacant with the respondents out of the total advertised posts and, therefore, the petitioner can be considered for appointment on the post of Science Master by extending the joining period.

Counsel, thus, contends that the petitioner, at this stage, would be satisfied if a direction is issued to the Director, Education Department (Secondary Education), Punjab, SAS Nagar-respondent No.2 to consider and decide the representation dated 17.11.2016 (Annexure P-3) filed by the petitioner, within some specified time.

In view of the statement made by the counsel for the petitioner and without going into the merit of the case or commenting thereon, the present writ petition is disposed of with directions to the Director, Education Department (Secondary Education), Punjab, SAS Nagar-respondent No.2 to consider and decide the representation dated 17.11.2016 (Annexure P-3) by passing a well reasoned and speaking order within a period of three weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. Decision so taken be conveyed to the petitioner forthwith.

May 19, 2017
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(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No