

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

**CWP-19148-2015 (O&M)
Date of decision:07.11.2017**

Daljit Singh & others

... Petitioners

Vs.

Punjab School Education Board & another

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present: None for the petitioner.

Mr. TPS Chawla, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Surajpreet Kaang, Advocate for respondent No.1.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL).

Counsel for the petitioner has not come present.

However, pleadings on record have been perused.

It has been averred that the petitioners herein, who are six in number belong to the general category and had joined the respondent/ Punjab School Education Board as Junior Scale Stenographer on different dates in the year 1992. One Smt. Mandeep Kaur d/o Mohinder Singh, who belong to the SC category was appointed as Junior Scale Stenographer on 15.07.1994 and was thus junior to the petitioners in the cadre of Junior Scale Stenographers. However, by virtue of the benefit of reservation, Smt. Mandeep Kaur was promoted as Senior Scale Stenographer on 24.04.2000. Petitioners on the other hand, who belong to the general category were promoted as Senior Scale Stenographers as per their turn on different dates between the years 2009-12.

By applying the 'catch up' principle as enunciated in the judgement of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in **Ajit Singh Janjua & others Vs. State of Punjab & others, 1999 (4) RSJ 211**, all the petitioners were declared senior to Smt. Mandeep Kaur in the cadre of Senior Scale Stenographers.

The relief sought in the instant petition was for their salary/pay to be step up at par with smt. Mandeep Kaur, who was otherwise junior to the petitioners in the cadre of Junior Scale Stenographers and had been promoted as Senior Scale Stenographer prior in point of time by virtue of her belonging to the SC category.

Mr. Surajpreet Kaang, Advocate upon instructions from Sh. Ranjodh Singh, Law Officer, Punjab School Education Board makes a statement at the bar that pay parity has been granted to the petitioners herein with Smt. Mandeep Kaur and even actual arrears for a period of three years prior to the date of service of the legal notice dated 28.01.2015 issued on behalf of the petitioners have already been released.

In the light of such categoric stand taken on behalf of the Punjab School Education Board, the writ petition is disposed of as having been rendered infructuous.

07.11.2017

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

(i) Whether speaking/reasoned?	Yes/No
(ii) Whether Reportable?	Yes/No