

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

**Civil Writ Petition No.19885 of 2016
Date of Decision: 29.03.2017**

Subhash Chander

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. S.K.Rattan, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Vaibhav Sharma, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab
for respondent Nos.1 to 3/State.

None for private respondent No.4.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (Oral)

The petitioner/Punjabi Master has filed the present petition seeking directions to the respondents to promote him as Lecturer Geography from the date, his junior-Balbir Singh (respondent No.4) was promoted and to grant the consequential benefits etc.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that though the petitioner belongs to the Scheduled Caste Category but he was appointed under the General Category being higher in merit as Punjabi Master and joined as such at Govt. Middle School Tangralia, Tehsil Mukeria, District Hoshiarpur on 24.04.1997. Thereafter, after taking the permission from the department, he acquired higher qualification of M.Sc. (Geography) from Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra (KUK). The respondent authorities, vide letter dated 02.11.2015 (**Annexure P-4**), called the cases for promotion to the post of Lecturer Geography amongst the Masters. He further submits that the petitioner is eligible for promotion to the aforesaid post as he has done M.Sc. Geography from KUK as “in campus” student

having study Centre at KUK. Thereafter, respondent No.4-Balbir Singh has been promoted vide letter dated 03.07.2016 (**Annexure P-9**), while ignoring the better claim of the petitioner. In this regard, the petitioner made a representation dated 05.07.2016 (**Annexure P-11**) to the authorities concerned but they had not decided the said representation.

At the time of hearing today, learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that the present petition has become infructuous as the grievance of the petitioner has been redressed.

In view of the above, the present petition stands dismissed as infructuous.

March 29, 2017
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(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>