

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

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**CWP No.21620 of 2014 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 29.09.2017**

Simardeep Kaur

....Petitioner

vs.

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present: Mr. Harinder Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Avinit Avasthi, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Anupam Singla, Advocate
for respondents No.2 & 3.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (Oral)

Petitioner was appointed as a Hindi Mistress under the Sarva Sikhiya Abhiyan Authority on contractual basis in the year 2011.

Petitioner being in a family way and the expected date of delivery given by the doctor as 19.09.2014, she applied for maternity leave.

Challenge in the instant petition is to Clause 3 of the letter dated 24.05.2011 (Annexure P-3), issued by the Director General, School Education, Punjab-cum-State Project Director, Sarva Sikhiya Abhiyan Authority, Punjab and whereby, maternity leave to the female employees of the Sarva Sikhiya Abhiyan

Authority has been restricted to three months.

The entire case set up on behalf of the petitioner is that the petitioner was entitled to six months maternity leave.

Mr. Harinder Sharma, learned counsel appearing for the petitioner would very fairly concede that the issue in question is no longer *res integra* and stands answered against the petitioner in terms of judgment dated 23.08.2016 in ***LPA No.1308 of 2013 (Sarav Sikhiya Abhiyan Authority, Punjab vs. Reena Singla and others)***

The instant petition is accordingly dismissed in the light of order dated 23.08.2016, passed in ***LPA No.1308 of 2013***.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : ***Yes/No***
Whether reportable : ***Yes/No***