

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

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CWP No.18715 of 2017 (O&M)

Date of Decision: August 22, 2017

Jaswinder Singh and others

....Petitioners

vs.

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present: Mr. G.P. Vashisht, Advocate
for the petitioners.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (Oral)

As per pleadings on record, the petitioners herein, were initially appointed as Masters in different subjects under the Department of Education, State of Punjab. Thereafter, they have been given the officiating charge of the Office of Head Masters and are continuing to serve as such till date.

Under the Punjab Education Service (School and Inspection) Group A Service Rules 2004, 30% posts of Principals are to be filled up from amongst Head Masters/ Mistress working under the control of the Director and who have an experience of working as such for a minimum period of seven years.

The precise claim put forth in the present petition is for counting of the officiating service rendered by the petitioners on the post of Head Masters, to be taken into reckoning for considering the

claim for promotion to the post of Principal. Counsel contends that the claim raised by the petitioners would be covered in terms of judgment dated 23.01.2017, passed by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in **CWP No.6867 of 2014 (Baljit Singh and others vs. State of Punjab and others)** at Annexure P-5 and other connected petitions.

Without even ascertaining the correctness of the averments made in the petition and without making any observations on the merits of the claim, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with a direction to respondent No.2 i.e. The Director Public Instructions (Secondary Education), State of Punjab, to examine the claim of the petitioners in the light of a Legal Notice dated 05.06.2017 (Annexure P-4) that is stated to have already been filed and to take a final decision thereupon expeditiously and in any case within a period of four months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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