

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

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CWP No.348 of 2015 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 25.10.2017

Ajay Kumar and others

....Petitioners

vs.

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present: Mr. Saurabh Arora, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Avinit Avasthi, AAG, Punjab.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (Oral)

The petitioners, who are 55 in number are serving as
S.S. Masters/Mistresses under the Punjab State Education
Department.

In Paras 2 & 3 of the writ petition, details have been
furnished in respect of each of the petitioners as regards their
details of initial appointment on *ad hoc* basis, subsequent dates of
appointment on 89 days basis and subsequent dates when the
petitioners were appointed on regular basis.

The claim set up in the instant petition is for the
respondent-authorities to count the entire service rendered by the
petitioners on *ad hoc* basis for purposes of reckoning seniority
and other monetary benefits in the nature of ACP etc.

Counsel for the parties are *ad idem* that identically

situated employees filed **CWP No.18673 of 2012 (Kewal Singh vs. State of Punjab and others)** and other connected petitions, in which the same relief was sought and these writ petitions were allowed vide common judgment and order dated 03.11.2014, passed by the learned Single Judge at Annexure P-5.

State of Punjab having preferred **Letters Patent Appeal No.589 of 2015**, a Division Bench of this Court has partly allowed the Intra Court Appeal as also other connected appeals and has settled the issue inasmuch as a view has been taken that the *ad hoc* service followed by a regular appointment, such *ad hoc* service would be clubbed together with regular service towards qualifying service for the purpose of pension and other retiral benefits alone.

Accordingly, the instant writ petition is disposed of in terms of judgment dated 27.10.2016, passed by the Letters Patent Bench in **LPA No.589 of 2015 (State of Punjab and others vs. Kewal Singh)** and other connected appeals.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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