

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

CWP No.26250 of 2017

Date of decision : 29.11.2017

Jatinder Singh and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE DAYA CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Rehan, Advocate for the petitioners.

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DAYA CHAUDHARY, J. (Oral)

The present writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of an appropriate direction to the respondents to postpone the process of recruitment of 398 posts of Punjabi Masters/Mistress initiated by the respondents in pursuance of advertisement dated 10.09.2017 and also for direction to the respondents to conduct the Punjab State Teachers Eligibility Test for the year 2017 as per guidelines dated 11.02.2011.

The only ground which has been raised by learned counsel for the petitioners is that because of non-conducting the test, the petitioners could not appear in the test and they have been deprived of their right for consideration.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submit that in absence of any test to be conducted in the year 2017, a great loss would be caused to the petitioners and other similarly situated persons.

Heard arguments of learned counsel for the petitioners and have also perused the documents on the file including the advertisement.

The petitioners have approached this Court for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus without approaching the authorities as neither any representation has been made nor anywhere in the writ petition it has been mentioned that the petitioners have approached the authorities. Even an oral request was never made. A writ of mandamus cannot be issued in the absence of any representation to the respondent-authorities.

However, the petitioners are at liberty to approach the authorities if they desire so and in case the petitioners move representation to the respondent-authorities within a period of two weeks from today, the respondents-authorities are directed to take action within a period of two weeks thereafter.

Disposed of.

29.11.2017

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**(DAYA CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No