

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

**CWP No.16753 of 2015
Date of decision: 11.07.2018**

Orphan's Foundation (Regd.)

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KRISHNA MURARI, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI, JUDGE**

**Present: Mr. Gunjan Mehta, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Deepak Balyan, Addl. AG, Haryana.

KRISHNA MURARI, C.J. (Oral)

Petitioner has approached this Court by means of this Public
Interest Litigation seeking the following main reliefs:

- “A) A direction to the respondents may kindly be issued in
Public Interest to recognize the ‘Orphans’ as socially
and educationally backward class of citizens under
Article 15(4) of the Constitution of India so as to
become eligible for seeking reservation in the matter
of Higher Education and Public Employment;**
- B) A writ in the nature of mandamus may kindly be
issued to the respondents to frame a comprehensive
Policy for providing various facilities and beneficial
provisions for providing reservation to the orphans**

considering their educationally and socially backward status in the society by taking recourse to the enabling provisions of the Constitution of India; and

C) A direction to the respondents may be issued to provide to the Orphans

- a) Identity Documents**
- b) Admissions to professional courses like medicine, engineering, law etc.**
- c) Govt./ PSU/ Private/ Nationalized Bank Job quotas**
- d) Age relaxation for direct recruitments into Govt. sectors**
- e) Govt. provided Secondary & higher educational concessions like exemption of tuition fees, free supply of books, mid day meals, special hostel facilities, stipends, scholarships etc.**
- f) Free vocational trainings**
- g) Or such reservations permissible under the Indian Constitution as provided to Socially and Educationally Backward Classes**
- h) Ration Card**
- i) Voter Identity Card.**

Any other beneficial provision as the State Govt. may deem fit necessary for the cause.”

We are informed at the Bar that an identical issue in respect of the same reliefs, as have been claimed in this petition, is pending adjudication before the Hon'ble Apex Court in Writ Petition (Civil) No.503 of 2018 (**Poulomi Pavini Shukla v. Union of India & Ors.**), wherein apart from others, State of Haryana is also a party respondent. Since the matter is already under active consideration of the Hon'ble Apex Court, we see no reason for this Public Interest Litigation to continue before this Court. Accordingly, the proceedings in this writ petition stand closed and the matter stands disposed of.

(Krishna Murari)
Chief Justice

(Arun Palli)
Judge

11.07.2018
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Whether speaking / reasoned:	YES
Whether Reportable:	NO