

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

**CWP No. 3396 of 2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 15.02.2018**

Parveen Kumar

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Sukhdev Kamboj, Advocate
for the petitioner.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner-Parveen Kumar was an aspirant for appointment to the post of *Punjabi Master* in the Category of Scheduled Caste (R&O), pursuant to the advertisement dated 09.09.2012 (**Annexure P-2**). The selection list concededly was finalized by 17.11.2015. The petitioner had secured 54 (Fifty-four) marks, whereas the last person appointed in his category is stated to have secured 54.2960 marks in the compiled merit list.

It is admitted fact that the merit marks were complied, *inter alia*, on the marks secured by the candidates in the Punjab State Teachers' Eligibility Test-II (PSTET-II) conducted by the Education Department, Government of Punjab.

The petitioner concededly had secured 88 marks in the PSTET-II which was conducted in the year 2011, however, he filed a writ petition bearing *CWP No. 3386 of 2017*, which was disposed of vide order dated 20.02.2017 (**Annexure P-12**), whereby the petitioner was held entitled to the benefit of four (04) marks due to certain ambiguous

questions, thereby revising the marks to 91 in the PSTET-II. Hence, the

present petition has been filed, seeking mandamus for enhancing the merit position for appointment to the post of *Punjabi Master* based on the enhanced marks in the PSTET-II certificate.

After hearing counsel for the petitioner, no case for invoking the writ jurisdiction is made out.

The process of selection and appointment pursuant to advertisement dated 09.09.2012 **(P-2)** stands completed in the year 2016-early part of 2017. It is not disputed that the selection list and waiting list remain alive for a period of maximum six months/one year of their finalization. Hence, in view of efflux of time, no relief can be granted to the petitioner on the ground of delay and laches.

Dismissed.

February 15, 2018

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**(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE**

<i>Whether Speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>