

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

**Civil Writ Petition No. 7329 of 2019 (O&M)
Date of decision : 05.07.2019**

Labh Singh

... Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab

... Respondent

CORAM:-HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present: None for the petitioner.

Ms. Anu Chatrath, Sr. Advocate with
Ms. Ambika Bedi, AAG PUnjab

ARUN MONGA, J(ORAL)

Challenge herein, is to the transfer order dated 01/04.02.2019 (Annexure P-3) vide which the petitioner, who is a school Teacher, has been transferred from Government High School, District Bathinda to Government High School, District Tarn Taran, on administrative grounds.

On advance service of copy of petition, learned Senior counsel representing the State submits that return has already been filed. She argues that transfer of the petitioner has been necessitated in view of the overall congenial atmosphere to be maintained in the school and owing to a complaint received against the petitioner by a lady Peon of sexual harassment at the hands of the petitioner. She places reliance on the enquiry report (Annexure R-2) vide which the petitioner was indicted. The complainant thereafter filed a fresh complaint alleging continuous threats by the petitioner. Learned Senior counsel further submits that lady Peon is posted in a school at Bathinda. Owing to the same, the petitioner has been

transferred from District Bathinda to District Tarn Tarn. She argues that in the teaching fraternity one is expected to have very high standards of morality and devotion of duty exhibiting high sense of responsibility and, therefore, in order to maintain the environment of congeniality in the educational institution, it is/ was imperative to transfer the petitioner on the administrative grounds.

In the aforesaid circumstances, I am of the view that there are no grounds to interfere in the impugned transfer order in exercise of extraordinary writ jurisdiction of this Court. The petition being devoid of any merit is dismissed. No order as to costs.

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1.	Whether speaking/ reasoned:	Yes/ No
2.	Whether reportable:	Yes/ No