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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-10937-2020

Date of decision: 02.09.2020

Baljit Kaur

.....Petitioner

V/s.

State of Punjab and others ``

.....Respondents

CORAM: - HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: Mr. Sunny Singla, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Navdeep Chhabra, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

Sanjay Kumar, J.

The petitioner seeks consideration of her claim for promotion as a Lecturer (English) with effect from 03.07.2016 when her juniors and others similarly situated were promoted.

The Assistant Director O/o The Director of Public Instruction (S.E), Punjab, filed a reply. Therein, she stated that promotion to the post of Lecturer (English) is made from the category of Masters/Mistresses on the basis of seniority-cum-merit. She further stated that a fresh seniority list in the cadre of Masters/Mistresses was uploaded on 19.06.2019 and in terms thereof, the petitioner stood at Serial No. 15709. The Assistant Director stated that the last candidate who was promoted to the post of Lecturer (English) stood at Serial No. 14510 in the seniority list and therefore, the petitioner's case did not even fall in the zone of consideration.

The petitioner's allegation was that the fourth respondent, who was her junior, had already been promoted. This aspect was also addressed by the Assistant Director. In this regard, she stated that after the finalization of the seniority list on 19.06.2019, the fourth respondent stood at Serial No. 15841 and therefore, she is liable to be reverted. However, owing to the interim order passed by this Court in relation to the seniority list dated 19.06.2019, the same had to be put on hold.

In the light of the aforestated reply filed by the authorities, it is clear that the petitioner is not entitled to seek consideration of her case, in terms of the seniority list dated 19.06.2019, for promotion to the post of Lecturer (English) at this stage.

The writ petition is devoid of merit and is accordingly dismissed, leaving it open to the petitioner to work out her remedies in future, if the need arises.

No order as to costs.

(SANJAY KUMAR)
JUDGE

02.09.2020

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whether speaking/non speaking : Yes/no

whether reportable/non reportable : Yes/no