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

**Civil Writ Petition No.304 of 2021
Date of Decision: January 07, 2021**

Balbir Singh

.....Petitioner.

VERSUS

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondent.

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. Vikas Chatrath, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Tanisha Peshawaria, D.A.G., Haryana.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

Present writ petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of writ especially in the nature of Mandamus, directing the respondents to permit the petitioner to upload his documents for consideration of his application for the State Award to Teachers-2020 announced by the Department of Secondary Education, Haryana vide Notification dated 19.10.2020.

At the outset, instead of pressing the petition on merits, learned counsel for the petitioner confines his prayer that the petitioner would be satisfied if the representation dated 17.12.2020 (P-5) is decided by respondent No.2 expeditiously.

Prayer seems to be justified.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Tanisha Peshawaria, D.A.G., Haryana accepts notice on behalf of respondents and is not averse against the innocuous prayer made on behalf of the petitioner.

In view of the agreed stand taken by both sides and without going into the merits of the controversy, this writ petition is disposed off, with direction to respondent No.2 to consider and decide the representation (P-5) of the petitioner in accordance with law by passing a speaking order, preferably within a period of one week from today.

It is also the anxiety of the petitioner that he be permitted to appear before the respondent No.2 in person, which is fairly acceded to by learned State counsel on instructions from Mr. Sunil Deswal, Assistant, Office of Director Elementary Education, Haryana. However, keeping in view the present pandemic, proper arrangement be made for participation of the petitioner through video conferencing system and the appropriate contact number of the official/officer concerned shall be intimated to him today itself.

January 07, 2021

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**(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes/No*

Whether Reportable: *Yes/No*