

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

**CWP-4894-2021(O&M)
Date of Decision:02.03.2021**

Rajinder Kumar and others Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present: Mr.P.K.Goklaney, Advocate for the petitioners.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL)

This case has been taken up through Video Conferencing via Webex facility in the light of Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

Petitioners herein belong to the general category. They are either serving or stand retired from the Education Department, State of Punjab.

Short claim raised in the petition is that pay of the petitioners be stepped up equal to their juniors who otherwise belong to the reserved category and had been promoted earlier in point of time by invoking the catchup formula and in view of the instructions dated 14.03.2017 issued by the State Government (Annexure P-2).

Counsel submits that a legal notice has already been served upon the respondents and he would be satisfied if the writ petition were to be disposed of with a direction to the concerned authority to look into the claim of the petitioners.

Submission advanced by counsel is found to be just and reasonable.

In view of the above and without even ascertaining the correctness of the averments made in the petition, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition by issuing directions to the 2nd respondent i.e. the Director Public Instruction (SE), Punjab to examine the claim of the petitioners against the backdrop of legal notice dated 03.12.2020 (Annexure P-3) and to take a final decision thereupon expeditiously and in any case within a period of two months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

02.03. 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No