

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

(139)

CWP-11010-2021

Date of Decision : June 17, 2021

Jaspal Singh Sodhi

.. Petitioner

Versus

**The Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Punjab
and others**

.. Respondents

(Through Video Conferencing)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Mayank Mathur, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Ms. Ambika Bedi, AAG, Punjab.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

Present petition has been filed seeking a writ of Mandamus with a prayer that a direction be issued to the Director, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Punjab to relieve the petitioner from his present post in service so as to enable him to join as a Center Head Teacher in the Department of School Education, Punjab i.e. on the post on which the petitioner has been selected after he had applied for said post with due permission of the Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Punjab.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has already been selected against the post of Center Head Teacher in the Department of School Education, Punjab and he was directed to join the said post by 04.06.2021. For relieving, the petitioner had made a representation to the authorities in the Department of Food, Civil Supplies

and Consumer Affairs, Punjab, he but the same was not replied for and ultimately he had to approach the Department of School Education, Punjab for extension of time for joining the post of Center Head Teacher.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the petitioner has already filed various representations with the Director, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Punjab for relieving him from his present service, which are still pending consideration and non-relieving of the petitioner is causing prejudice to him as he is unable to join the selected post in the Department of School Education, Punjab. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner will be satisfied, in case a time bound direction is issued to respondent No.2 to decide the representation dated 04.06.2021 (Annexure P-6) and representation dated 11.06.2021 (Annexure P-6/1) respectively by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Ambika Bedi, learned Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, who has joined the proceedings through video conference, keeping in view the service of advance copy of petition, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-State and raises no objection for deciding the representations of the petitioner in a time bound manner by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case or about the entitlement of the petitioner for the relief which has been claimed by him in the representations dated 04.06.2021 (Annexure P-6) and 11.06.2021 (Annexure P-6/1) respectively, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to decide the said representations within a period of seven days from the receipt of copy of this order. In case, the

request of the petitioner finds favour with respondent No.2, he be relieved immediately to enable the petitioner to join as Center Head Teacher in the Department of School Education, Punjab.

June 17, 2021

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No