

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

**CWP No.18921 of 2021 (O&M)
along with other connected cases
Reserved on : 03.12.2021
Pronounced on : 10.12.2021**

Najar Singh & others

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.S. SANDHAWALIA
HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE VIKAS SURI**

Present:- Mr. Vikas Chatrath, Advocate,
for the petitioners (in CWP Nos. 18921, 19959 of 2021).
Mr.R.S.Bains, Sr.Advocate with
Ms.Loveneet Thakur, Advocate for petitioners (in CWP-24146-2021).
Mr. Parvesh Saini, Advocate,
and Ms. Karneev Sandhu, Advocate, for the petitioners
(in CWP Nos. 18619, 21977, 20413 and 22571 of 2021)
Mr. Naveen Batra, Advocate,
for petitioners (in CWP No. 21370 of 2021)
Mr. Prince Goyal, Advocate
for the petitioners (in CWP Nos. 20517, 20701, 20717,
20944, 22352, 22353 of 2021).
Mr.Deven Munjal, Advocate, for petitioners (in CWP-23464-2021).
Mr. Amit Shukla, Advocate,
for the petitioners (in CWP Nos.17449 and 20349 of 2021)
Mr. P.S. Mirpur, Advocate,
for the petitioners (in CWP No.20362 of 2021).
Mr.Shreesh Kakkar, Advocater, for petitioners (in CWP-22708-2021).
Mr. Sunny Singla, Advocate

G.S. Sandhawalia, J.

The present judgment shall dispose of 26 writ petitions bearing CWP Nos. 18921, 18619, 19959, 20517, 20232, 20349, 20362, 20413, 20677, 20701, 20717, 20818, 20944, 17449, 21370, 21977, 22352, 22353, 22571, 22694, 22708, 23211, 23219, 23464, 24146 & 24242 of 2021, since common questions of law and facts are involved. However, for dictating orders, facts have been taken from CWP-18921-2021 titled *Najar Singh & others Vs. State of Punjab & others*.

Challenge in the present writ petition, filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is to the First Amendment made on 07.09.2021 (Annexure P-19) in the Punjab State Elementary Education (Pre-Primary School Teachers) Group “C” Service Rules, 2020. By virtue of the said amendment in Appendix-B against Sr.No.1 under Column No.5, substitution was done of Clause 5 regarding the eligibility criteria prescribed for appointment of Pre-Primary School Teachers wherein experience of 3 years as Education Provider, Education Volunteer, Education Guarantee Scheme Volunteer (EGSV), Alternative or Innovative Education Volunteer (AIEV), Special Training Resource Volunteer (STRV) or Inclusive Educational Volunteer (IEV) of Government run schools of the State of Punjab, was prescribed as one of the essential qualification in Clause 5(iii).

Resultantly, quashing of the public notice and advertisement dated 14.09.2021 (Annexure P-20) whereby fresh advertisement had been issued for filling up 8393 posts of Primary Teachers, is also subject

