

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

Sr. No.216

CWP No.19720 of 2020

JALANDHAR SINGH AND OTHERS

..PETITIONERS

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

2.

CWP No.21315 of 2020

PANKAJ KUMAR AND ANOTHER

..PETITIONERS

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

3.

CWP No.20949 of 2020

KHEM RAJ AND OTHERS

..PETITIONERS

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

4.

CWP No.21455 of 2020

BAKSHISH SINGH AND OTHERS

..PETITIONERS

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

CWP No.19720 of 2020 & connected matters

5.

CWP No.1212 of 2021

HARJEET KAUR

..PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

DATE OF DECISION: February 17, 2021

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Kapil Kakkar, Advocate,
for the petitioners in CWP Nos.19720 & 21315 of 2020.

Mr. H.C. Arora, Advocate,
for the petitioners in CWP No.20949 of 2020.

Mr. Hoshiar Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioners in CWP No.21455 of 2020.

Mr. Amit Shukla, Advocate,
for the petitioner in CWP No.1212 of 2021.

Mr. Charanpreet Singh, AAG, Punjab,
for respondents No.1 to 3.

Mr. Sandeep Jasuja, Advocate,
for respondent No.4.

Mr. Harsh Aggarwal, Advocate,
for respondent No.5.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (ORAL)

This order shall dispose of aforementioned five cases as the similar questions of facts and law are involved therein. The facts are being taken from CWP No.19720 of 2020.

CWP No.19720 of 2020 & connected matters

This writ petition was filed by the petitioners because applications submitted by them for recruitment in the ETT cadre pursuant to advertisement dated 06.03.2020 issued by the State of Punjab were not being accepted. This was on account of a letter dated 22.10.2020 issued by the O/o respondent No.2 wherein it was stated that persons possessing Diploma in Elementary Education obtained through correspondence courses were not eligible.

Short reply by way of affidavit of Shivani Setia, Assistant Director, O/o Director, State Council for Educational Research and Training Punjab is on record. According to the same, the National Council for Teachers Education has clarified that Diploma obtained from NIOS is at par with Diploma obtained through a regular course and accordingly, a communication has been issued to respondent No.3 to accept the applications of persons like the petitioners.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that in view of the above, the writ petitions have been rendered infructuous.

Ordered accordingly.

February 17, 2021
Ankur

(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No