

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

Sr. No.122

CWP-4694-2022 (O&M)
Date of decision : 09.03.2022

Pratap Singh and others

..... Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Haryana and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Jagjeet Beniwal, Advocate, for the petitioners.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed for directions to the respondents to permit students of private schools to appear for the forthcoming examination in the same village. The students of the private schools have been asked to appear in examination centers of other villages and this is allegedly causing grave hardship.

Sh. K.K. Gupta, Standing Counsel for respondent No.2-Board was directed by the Court to appear. He has done so and has sought instructions. According to him, all male students irrespective of whether they are studying in private schools or Government schools have been asked to appear in a school in the adjoining village/as per option exercised by the candidates. Thus, there is no discrimination amongst the male students of private schools or Government schools. The female candidates are being accommodated within the same village as per the policy of the Board. The process of finalization of examination centers has been concluded about 35 days earlier. It involves inspection of the examination centers to assess the suitability thereof and deployment of infrastructure and staff to ensure fair conduct of the examination. The examination is due to commence on

The current policy has been in force since the year 2020. If, the petitioners had approached the Board earlier through their schools, something could have been done, but it is too late now.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has no answer to the submissions made on behalf of respondent No.2 and thus, the writ petition is dismissed.

(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

09.03.2022
Ramandeep Singh

Whether speaking / reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes / No
Yes/ No