

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

CWP No.6724 of 2022

Date of Decision.31.03.2022

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...Petitioner

Vs

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM:HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present: Mr. Jatinderpal Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. T.V.S. Lehal, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

JAISHREE THAKUR J. (ORAL)

The instant writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ, order or direction in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to consider the case of the petitioner for extension of his services for a period of two years w.e.f. 31.03.2022.

Counsel for the petitioner would contend that petitioner has been conferred with a Police Medal for his meritorious services and has been in service for a period of 39 years, without any punishment being imposed upon him. As per the current rules, the petitioner is to retire on 31.03.2022. It is submitted that in the Education Department, teachers who have got National / State awards have been given extension in their services, till attaining the age of 60/59 years respectively. He claims parity with those working in the Education Department. He would rely upon the order passed by the Principal Secretary to Government of Home Affairs and Justice, whereby extension of services of Sh. Rajinder Singh Sohal has been allowed vide order dated

30.09.2021. It is submitted that petitioner has already moved a representation dated 22.03.2022, which is pending consideration and prays that the matter be decided expeditiously.

Notice of motion to the respondents.

Mr. T.V.S. Lehal, Addl. A.G., Punjab, accepts notice for the respondents and submits that the respondents will look into the matter and will take a decision on the representation of the petitioner. Let sufficient number of copies of the complete paper book be supplied to him during the course of day.

Without commenting on merits of the case, I dispose of the instant petition by directing the respondents to take a decision on the representation dated 22.03.2022 (Annexure P-3) of the petitioner in accordance with law within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order, failing which the officer responsible for the lapse would be liable to deposit costs of Rs.20,000/- from his personal pocket with the Punjab and Haryana High Court Advocates Welfare Fund.

Let the representation be decided de hors the fact that the petitioner is to retire today i.e. 31.03.2022.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

March 31, 2022
P.Bhatt

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether reportable Yes/No