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

CWP-6519-2021

Date of decision: 30.11.2023

Delhi Public School Ludhiana Parents Association

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Piyush Kant Jain, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Ajit Singh Natt, AAG, Punjab.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

1. This is a Civil Writ Petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondent Nos.1 to 4 to constitute the 'Regulatory Body' as defined under Section 3 of the Punjab Regulation of Fee of Unaided Educational Institutions Act, 2016 for District Ludhiana so as to commence with the hearing of the complaint (Annexure P-6) filed by the petitioner Association under Section 7 read with Section 11 of the Punjab Regulation of Fee of Unaided Educational Institutions Act, 2016 (for short "2016 Act") against respondent No.5 which is a private Unaided School.

2. Learned State Counsel has submitted that the Regulatory Body has been constituted and is functional and had summoned the petitioner on

20.08.2021.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has prayed that in view of the same, first prayer of the petitioner stands satisfied but has submitted that since 2021, no further effective hearing has taken place and thus, prays that the Regulatory Body, before whom the application filed by the petitioner under Section 7 read with Section 11 of 2016 Act is pending, be directed to decide the same as expeditiously as possible, in a time bound manner.

4. Keeping in view the abovesaid facts and circumstances, the present Civil Writ Petition is disposed of with a direction to the Regulatory Body for regulating the fee of Unaided Education Institutions (constituted under Section 3 of the Punjab Regulation of Fee of Unaided Educational Institutions Act, 2016) as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of the present order.

5. This Court has not opined on the merits of the case and the Regulating Body would consider the case of the petitioner independently, in accordance with law.

30.11.2023

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**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes/No

Whether reportable:-

Yes/No