

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 7518 of 2020(O&M)
and other connected cases
Date of decision: 27.04.2023

Maninder Singh and others

..Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Parvesh K. Saini, Advocate
for the petitioner(s)(in CWP-7518, 7826, 8209, 9370-2020)

Mr. Vishal Mittal, Advocate
for the petitioner(s) (in CWP-2664-2022, 12233
and 11374 of 2020).

Mr. Vikas Chatrath, Advocate
Mr. Dilpreet Kharbanda, Advocate
Ms. Tanya Sehgal, Advocate
Mr. Abhishek Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner(s)(in CWP-7666-2020)

Mr. B.S.Jatana, Advocate, for the petitioner
(in CWP-9309 of 2020)

Mr. Sunny Singla, Advocate and
Ms. Riti Aggarwal, Advocate,
for the petitioner(s)(in CWP-7696, 8670 and 9373 of 2020)

Mr. Apoorva Arya, Advocate
for Mr. Jagmohan Singh Ghuman, Advocate
for the P.S.E.B. (in CWP-7518, 8209, 10487, 9370,
7666 and 7826 of 2020).

Mr. Abhinav Gupta, Advocate, for the Punjabi University.

Mr. D.K.Singal, Addl.A.G., Punjab

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J(Oral)

1. On 25.04.2023, the following order was passed:-

*“The dispute in all these writ petitions pertain to
the correctness of the revised answer key uploaded after*

deciding the objections to the provisional answer key. The petitioners in order to become eligible for appointment as teachers wrote the Punjab State Teachers Eligibility Test conducted in the various years.

During the course of hearing, the attention of the learned State counsel has been drawn to question no.1 to 5 reproduced in the paper book. He prays for some time to get complete instructions before assisting the Court.

List on 27.04.2023, in the urgent list.

A photocopy of this order be placed on the files of the other connected cases.”

2. Sh. D.K.Singal, Additional Advocate General, Punjab, on instructions from Mr. Maninder Singh Sarkaria, Director, State Council of Educational Research and Training, Punjab, has submitted that the Additional Principal Secretary, Department of Education, has agreed to constitute a Committee of subject experts from Panjab University, Chandigarh in order to solicit their expert opinion. Sh. Singal, the learned counsel representing the State of Punjab has assured the Court that after receiving the opinion of the Committee consisting of the subject experts, consequential steps shall be taken in accordance with law.

3. The learned counsels representing the petitioners have no objection to the aforesaid stand, however they submit that the Additional Principal Secretary should be impressed upon to request the members of the expert committee to decide the matter expeditiously so as to enable the petitioners to apply for recruitment, if they are declared to have qualified the exam.

4. In view of the aforesaid facts, the writ petitions are disposed of with the expectation that, upon receipt of a report from the expert committee

consisting of subject matter experts, the competent authority will take a practical approach to the matter and take appropriate steps accordingly.

5. All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, are also disposed of.

April 27, 2023

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

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Yes/No

Whether reportable

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Yes/No