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

2023:PHHC:128247

CWP-22277-2023

Date of Decision: 04.10.2023

Prabhjot Kaur

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV PRAKASH SHARMA

Present Mr. Gopal Singh Nahel Advocate for the petitioner.

SANJEEV PRAKASH SHARMA, J.(Oral)

1. The petitioner is aggrieved of the select list prepared for the post of Anganwari Workers, wherein the petitioner's candidature has been ignored while the persons having lesser educational qualifications have been included in the select list.
2. It is noticed that the petitioner had submitted a representation to the District Programmer Officer, Social Security and Women and Child Development Department, Ludhiana, who has expressed his inability to decide the same. The petitioner had also submitted her grievance by way of representation before the Director, Social Security and Women and Child Development Department, Punjab, Chandigarh.
3. Keeping in view the scheme of the rules, the representation is to be treated as an appeal and the Director, Social Security and Women and Child Development Department, Punjab, Chandigarh, ought to have decided the representation by treating it as an appeal under the rules framed therein.

4. In view of the above, the Director, Social Security and Women and Child Development Department, Punjab, Chandigarh, is hereby directed to decide the representation by treating it an appeal, after examining the grievances raised by the petitioner objectively and after scrutinizing the entire record of the selection process. In case, it is found that the persons lower in merit have been included in the select list, leaving the eligible and higher meritorious persons, appropriate orders in that respect be passed, within one month. However, if on decision, it is found that there is no force in the grievance of the petitioner, speaking order be passed in respect thereto within stipulated period of time. The petitioner shall be free to challenge the order rejecting her claim, by filing further appeal before the Secretary, for redressal of her grievance, if she so chooses.
5. Writ petition is disposed of with the aforesaid observations.
6. All pending misc. application(s) also stand disposed of.

(SANJEEV PRAKASH SHARMA)
JUDGE

04.10.2023.

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| 1. Whether speaking/reasoned? | : | Yes/No |
| 2. Whether reportable? | : | Yes/No |