

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

(108)

CWP-29423-2023

Date of decision: - 04.01.2024

Dev Dutt

....Petitioner

Versus

The Punjab School Education Board, SAS Nagar, Mohali, Punjab

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present:- Mr. Fateh Singh Dhillon, Advocate, and  
Mr. Gurtej Singh, Advocate,  
for the petitioner.

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**VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)**

1. Present writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondent to decide the claim of the petitioner with regard to the correction of his date of birth as pending with the respondent vide application dated 16.08.2023 (Annexure P-5) in terms of the Punjab School Education Board (correction in Date of Birth or Father's Name) Regulations, 1988 (Annexure P-3).

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that for the grievances raised by the petitioner, the petitioner has given a representation dated 16.08.2023 (Annexure P-5) and at this stage, the petitioner would be satisfied in case competent authority of the respondent-Board considers the same in accordance with law, within a specified time frame and in case the pleas raised by the petitioner are

found to be meritorious, then, grant the appropriate relief to the petitioner.

3. Keeping in view the above-said facts and circumstances, the present petition is disposed of, with a direction to competent authority of the respondent-Board to consider the representation dated 16.08.2023 (Annexure P-5) filed by the petitioner within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order and in case competent authority of the respondent-Board is of the view that the pleas raised by the petitioner are meritorious, then, the appropriate relief be granted to the petitioner as expeditiously as possible. In case, competent authority of the respondent-Board is of the view that the pleas raised by the petitioner are meritless, then, a speaking order rejecting the claim be passed within the aforesaid period of six weeks.

4. It is made clear that this Court has not opined on the merits of the case and competent authority of the respondent-Board would consider and decide the matter independently, in accordance with law.

**January 04, 2024**  
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**( VIKAS BAHL )**  
**JUDGE**

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| Whether reasoned/speaking? | Yes/No |
| Whether reportable?        | Yes/No |