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

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Date of decision : 30.10.2025

Surinder Pal Kaur

... Appellant

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA**

Present:- Mr. Manmeet Singh Rana, Advocate for the appellant.

Mr. Aftab Singh Khara, Senior DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

1. The appellant has challenged the judgment of the Single Bench whereby her writ petition seeking notional promotion as Mistress w.e.f. the date her junior-Rajni Sharma was promoted i.e., 24.08.2007 was dismissed.

2. Learned counsel for the appellant submits that the appellant was senior to one Rajni Sharma. The appellant had also acquired the requisite qualification i.e. B.Ed. at the time of consideration of the case of the appellant and Rajni Sharma for promotion to the post of Mistress.

3. Heard.

4. The appellant had been appointed as Clerk on 26.11.1987 and one Rajni Sharma was appointed as Clerk on 01.09.1998. Instructions were issued by the respondents vide memo dated Chandigarh 17.04.2003, which prescribed

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1% quota for promotion to the cadre of Master/Mistress from the ministerial staff (non-teaching). The requisite qualification for promotion was B.Ed. and only those employees who possessed the requisite educational qualifications for Master/Mistress by 30.09.2002 were directed to send their complete case for consideration. Admittedly, Rajni Sharma had acquired B.Ed. qualification in May, 2001 while the appellant had obtained her B.Ed. qualification in July, 2007. Therefore, as on 30.09.2002 (which was the cut-off date), the appellant was not eligible for promotion to the post of Master/Mistress.

5. We are in agreement with the judgment of the Single Bench that the petitioner cannot claim promotion at par with one Rajni Sharma, as she was ineligible on the cut-off date.

6. Consequently, the LPA being devoid of any merit stands dismissed.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

October 30, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No