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

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CWP 28288 of 2025

Date of Decision: 22.09.2025

Arvinder Singh Gill and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.S.SHEKHAWAT

Present : Mr. Aminder Singh, Advocate
for the petitioners.

N.S.SHEKHAWAT, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioners have filed the present writ petition under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India with following prayers:-

“Civil Writ Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for the issuance of an appropriate writ, order or direction especially in the nature of Mandamus, directing the Respondents to decide the Petitioners' pending representations (Annexures P/8 and P/8A) by passing a reasoned and speaking order within a time-bound frame, in line with the direction already recorded by this Hon'ble Court in CWP No. 22897 of 2022 (Rajinder Singh & Ors. v. State of Punjab & Ors.) and connected matters decided on 25.10.2024 (Annexure P/7) and further direct that before proceeding with any further promotions or direct recruitment to the post of Principal, the Respondents shall first carry out a transparent assessment of the

backlog and quota anomalies affecting the Headmaster cadre, and take corrective action so as to ensure fair treatment of the Petitioners in accordance with Articles 14 and 16 of the Constitution;

It is further prayed that pending disposal of the present writ petition, restrain the Respondents from making further promotions to the post of Principal from the Lecturer or other feeder cadres until the Petitioners' representations regarding the backlog issue and quota enhancement are decided by a reasoned order, OR in the alternative, direct that any promotions made shall remain subject to the outcome of the present petition.”.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the case of the petitioners is squarely covered by the ratio of the law laid down by this Court in CWP-22897-2022 (O&M), titled as **“Rajinder singh and others Vs. State of Punjab and Anr. and connected matters”** dated 25.10.2024 (Annexure P-7).

3. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioners have already submitted legal notice-cum-representation dated 23.07.2025 (Annexure P-8) and dated 23.07.2025 (Annexure P/8-A) to the official respondents and he shall be satisfied in case, appropriate directions are issued to the respondents to decide the aforesaid legal notices in a time bound manner.

4. Notice of motion.

5. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Surya Kumar, AAG, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the

official respondents and has no serious objection to the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners, at this stage.

6. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record carefully.

7. At this stage, it would be appropriate to direct the respondent No.1 to decide the legal notice-cum-representation dated 23.07.2025 (Annexure P-8) and dated 23.07.2025 (Annexure P/8-A) in view of the law laid down by this Court in CWP-22897-2022 (O&M), titled as "Rajinder singh and others Vs. State of Punjab and Anr. and connected matters" dated 25.10.2024 (Annexure P-7), within a period of four months of date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

8. Needless to observe that the respondent No.1 shall pass a speaking and well reasoned order in the light of the above referred judgments as well as relevant rules/instructions and in case, it is found that the petitioners are entitled to relief claimed in the representation, all consequential benefits may also be released to the petitioners forthwith alongwith some reasonable rate of interest.

9. Disposed off in the aforesaid terms.

22.09.2025
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(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No