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

CWP-32546-2025**Date of decision:-04.11.2025**

Aseespreet Kaur

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present:- Mr. Ayush Sarna, Advocate and
Mr. Randhir Singh Thind, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Siddharth Sandhu, AAG, Punjab.

SUVIR SEHGAL, J.(ORAL)

1. This petition has been filed, *inter alia*, for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondents No.4 and 5 to conduct a fair and transparent selection trial of the petitioner for participation in Inter – District School Games.

2. Counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner, who is 17 years old, has been representing State of Punjab in the game of Badminton at the national level. He submits that in the month of August, 2025, respondent No.5 announced the inter-school district Badminton tournament for district Ferozepur for selection of the district team for the Punjab State School Games. However, this tournament was cancelled twice and on 11.09.2025, the tournament was rescheduled to be held on



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12.09.2025 for the third time. Counsel states that petitioner was away to Lucknow from 12.09.2025 to 19.09.2025 to participate in All India Senior Ranking Badminton Tournament, 2025 and could not participate in the district Badminton tournament. He has specifically made a reference to communication dated 12.09.2025, Annexure P5, addressed by the school on her behalf. Counsel submits that on her return, petitioner's father gave a representation to respondent No.4 requesting that she be permitted to participate in the trial. He asserts that a challenge match was fixed by respondent No.5 on 25.10.2025, but it was later cancelled and a team of five players has been selected for participation in the state level school games, which are starting from 06.11.2025. Counsel emphasis that as petitioner never got a chance to participate in the tournament/trial, she has not been selected. His limited prayer is that a trial be held so that in case petitioner is selected, she can participate in the aforesaid tournament.

3. Advance copy of the petition has been served upon State.

4. On asking of Court, Mr. Siddharth Sandhu, AAG, Haryana has sought instructions from respondent No.4 to submit that the application, Annexure P5, submitted by the school was received in the evening on 12.09.2025 after the tournament had been held and result had been declared. He has specific instructions to state that challenge match was only of players, who had participated in the tournament/trial held on 12.09.2025. He asserts that as petitioner has not participated in the selection trial, she cannot play in the State School Games.



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5. I have heard counsel for the parties and considered their respective submissions.

6. It cannot be disputed that intimation of the badminton tournament scheduled for 12.09.2025 was sent a day prior thereto and petitioner could not participate as she was in Lucknow for a national level tournament. An application was given by her father as well as by the school to participate in the challenge match, but the match was cancelled. In these circumstances, it is incumbent upon respondent – authorities to hold a trial in order to assess as whether petitioner can be selected.

7. In view of the above, a direction is issued to respondents No.4 and 5 to hold a special selection trial for the petitioner in order to assess as to whether she can participate in the Punjab State Inter-district School Games, which are commencing from 06.11.2025. The trial be held on or before 05.11.2025.

8. Writ petition is disposed of.

9. A copy of this order be given to the State counsel under the signatures of Special Secretary/Reader of this Bench during the course of the day.

04.11.2025
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(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

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