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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **W.P.(C) 12563/2025 & CM APPLs. 51208-09/2025**

SAROJ DUTTA

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Varun Mudhil, Mr. Rakesh Kumar, Ms. Eti Kushwaha, Advocates.

versus

PUNJABI ACADEMY & ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Mrs. Avnish Ahlawat, SC with Ms. Aliza Alam, Mr. Mohnish Sehrawat, Advocates for R-1 and 2.
Mr. Sanjeev Sabharwal, SC with Ms. Shweta Singh, Advocate.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRATEEK JALAN

ORDER

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20.08.2025

1. The petitioner is a teacher of Punjabi and has been working as such on a part-time basis since 1990 in Municipal Corporation of Delhi ["MCD"] Schools. Her grievance in this writ petition is that she has not been informed as to the availability of vacancies for the academic year 2025–26, and has therefore not been deployed in any MCD School.
2. Mr. Varun Mudhil, learned counsel for the petitioner, draws my attention to a letter dated 05.06.2025, addressed by respondent No. 1 – Punjabi Academy, to respondent No. 3 – MCD, calling for the consolidated school-wise requirement of part-time Assistant Teachers in



Punjabi.

3. According to the petitioner, this communication has not been addressed, leading to the lack of employment opportunity for the petitioner and other similarly placed teachers.

4. Having regard to the nature of the grievance, the writ petition, alongwith pending applications, is disposed of with the direction that the respondents will coordinate amongst themselves and take necessary steps, within the next four weeks, with regard to the positions of part-time Assistant Teachers in Punjabi in MCD Schools. If the petitioner is not to be employed for any reason, the respondents will communicate the reasons to her. Her rights and remedies in this regard remain reserved.

PRATEEK JALAN, J

AUGUST 20, 2025

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