



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

CWP-3056-2026 (O&M)

Date of decision: 05.02.2026

S.P.D.M. Senior Secondary School, Village Saragathal, Tehsil and
District SonipatPetitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and othersRespondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present: Mr. Mohit Garg, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

KULDEEP TIWARI, J. (Oral)

1) The petitioner-School, by way of instant writ petition, as cast under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, assails the order dated 27.01.2026 (Annexure P-9), vide which, a penalty of Rs.3 Lakhs, has been imposed upon it.

2) At the outset, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that principally, the impugned order has been passed, owing to non-filing of reply to the show cause notice dated 04.07.2025. While referring to the reasons spelt out in the petition, due to which, reply could not be filed, and without joining issues on merits, he submits that, at this stage, the petitioner-School confines its prayer to the extent that one opportunity be granted to file a comprehensive reply to the show cause notice (supra).

3) Notice of motion.

4) Mr. Bhupender Singh, learned Additional Advocate General, Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 and 2.

5) On the asking of the Court, Mr. K.K. Gupta, Advocate, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 3 and 4.

6) This Court has heard learned counsel for the parties.

7) Concededly, the petitioner did not file any reply to the show cause notice dated 04.07.2025. Thereafter, proceeding with the matter,



the authorities, vide impugned order, have saddled the petitioner-School with a penalty of Rs.3 Lakhs, for contravention of Affiliation Regulation 10 (b).

8) Be that as it may, admittedly, the impugned order has been passed without hearing the petitioner. Therefore, without advertng to the merits of the case at hand, this Court is of the considered opinion that it would be in the interest of justice, if petitioner is afforded an opportunity to clarify its stand. Accordingly, the impugned order dated 27.01.2026 (Annexure P-9) is **set aside**. The matter is remitted to the authorities concerned, with a direction to afford an opportunity to the petitioner to file its reply to the show cause notice. Thereafter, the matter shall be conclusively decided by passing a speaking order, in accordance with law.

9) Further, the petitioner shall also deposit the amount of Rs.3 Lakhs with the Board of School Education Haryana, Bhiwani, which shall be subject to the final order to be passed by the authorities, as indicated above. It is clarified that since the order dated 27.01.2026, is no longer in effect, there shall be no legal impediment for the Board to issue roll numbers to the students of the petitioner-School, to enable them to take their upcoming examinations.

10) Before parting with the order, this Court is sanguine that the respondent-Board, while re-examining the matter, shall be sensitive that owing to a fault of the petitioner-School, if any, the students should not be made to suffer.

11) **Disposed of**, accordingly.

(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

05.02.2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No