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

Serial No. 116

**CWP-6588-2026
Decided on:30.03.2026**

Surender Singh and others

. . . Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

. . Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present: Mr. S. S. Sahu, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Amit Sahni, Additional Advocate General, Haryana
assisted by Mr. Harmanjit Singh Johal, Advocate.

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA, J.(ORAL)

The petition has been filed *inter alia* seeking a writ of *certiorari* setting aside the order dated 29.01.2025, Annexure P-11, whereby the petitioners' claim for reconsideration for the posts of Primary Teacher against advertisement 2/2012, dated 08.11.2012, has been declined. Further, a writ of *mandamus* has been sought directing the respondents to consider the petitioners eligible for the aforesaid posts as they have been wrongly declared unsuccessful in the Haryana Teacher Eligibility Test (HTET), 2011.

2. Learned counsel contended that the petitioners applied for the posts in question by submitting applications before the closing date/08.12.2012. However, their candidatures have wrongly been rejected on the ground of not possessing a valid HTET certificate. They appeared for the



05.11.2011 and 06.11.2011 and its result was declared on 01.12.2011, wherein they were declared unsuccessful. The result was later revised and certificates dated 31.01.2017, Annexure P-2, were issued that they have qualified the test. Accordingly, the petitioners cannot be made to suffer on account of wrong done by the Board.

3. It is apparent on record that the petitioners applied for the posts as Scheduled Caste (SC) category candidates. They were declared unsuccessful in HTET, 2011. This was the reason their candidature for the post was rejected by the recruiting agency/Haryana School Teachers Selection Board. The HTET certificates, dated 31.01.2017, issued to the petitioners declaring them pass were valid for five years from declaration of initial result 01.12.2011, as claimed by learned counsel for the petitioners. However, by that time the final selection result had already been declared on 14.08.2014 recommending 1433 candidates in SC category for appointment to the Education Department. The selection was challenged before this Court, but in compliance of order dated 29.04.2015 passed by this Court in CWP-346-2013, titled *Antim Kumari v. State of Haryana and others* alongwith connected cases, all the vacancies of SC category were filled. The matter reached the Supreme Court and as per directions issued in Civil Appeal no.7136 of 2022 titled *Vikas Kumar and others v. State of Haryana and others*, dated 13.09.2022, the selection was finally closed. The candidates were appointed in terms therewith. The details have been mentioned in the impugned order, which reads as under:

That it is also pertinent to mention here that Civil Appeal No. 7136 of 2022 titled as *Vikas Kumar and others vs. State of Haryana & others* had filed by the candidates and the same was



decided by the Hon'ble Supreme Court on 13.09.2022 in the above mention appeal the Hon'ble Supreme Court passed the following order:-

- (i) The total number of advertised posts i.e. 9870 to be filled up first from the selected candidates declared in the result dated 14.08.2014.
- (ii) In the event, the selected candidates from the above category do not join, then the remaining vacancies shall be filled up from the list of wait-listed candidates declared along with successful candidates on 14.08.2014.
- (iii) After filling up of the 9870 vacancies as provided above, the 2233 candidates who qualified the HTET after the cut-off date, sometimes in June, 2013 will be appointed as per their inter se merit enbloc below the above 9870 candidates.
- (iv) In case, there still remain any wait-listed candidates from the wait-listed list of 14.08.2014, who could not be accommodated in the advertised posts of 9870, will be appointed enbloc as per their merit below the 2233 candidates.
- (v) The seniority will be as per their merit position in their respective lists.
- (vi) No dispute for seniority would be entertained of any candidate inter se different lists.
- (vii) No claim for seniority or for any arrears would be entertained for any period not worked by the candidates of any of the above lists.
- (viii) Salary would be paid for the period, for which such candidates have actually worked but not paid salary after due verification of their working both from the records and physically.
- (ix) The 2012 selections will stand closed with the above arrangement.



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- (x) Exercising our powers under Article 142 of the Constitution, we increase the number of advertised posts beyond 9870 to accommodate the candidates as directed above and no more.
- (xi) All the appeals are disposed of as directed above.
- (xii) The impugned judgment shall stand modified to the aforesaid extent.

4. Accordingly, once the entire selection stands closed with the above arrangement and the selected candidates have been issued appointments in compliance with the directions issued by the Supreme Court, there is no scope to re-open the issue and reconsider the petitioners' case.

5. Dismissed.

(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE

30.03.2026

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Whether reasoned/speaking? Yes/No
Whether reportable? Yes/No