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

**CWP-10136-2026
Date of Decision: 28.04.2026**

Gursharan Kaur and others

.... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

..... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI**

Present: Mr. D.S. Patwalia, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Vivek Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Shruti, AAG, Punjab.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (ORAL)

1. The present writ petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of *certiorari* for quashing Rule 5 of the Punjab Educational Service (School and Inspection General Cadre) Group A Service Rules (Second Amendment), Rules 2025 (Annexure P-6), vide which qualification for the post of Deputy Education Officer/Principal for promotion quota is being mentioned as of direct recruits, which is Master Degree with 50% marks for General Category and 45% for SC/ BC category has been mentioned, which is without any basis and there is no nexus to achieve and the same was never therein earlier and the promotion quota is being fixed from the Lecturer on the basis of experience only and moreover, no Departmental examination has been taken by the respondents. With a further prayer to issue writ in the nature of *Mandamus* directing the respondents to promote the Lecturers having minimum 5 years' experience to the post of Deputy Education Officer/Principal on the basis of seniority-cum-merit only as is being done earlier by the respondents.

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2. At this stage, Ms. Shruti, learned AAG, Punjab submits that she has received an advance copy of the present petition and has also sought instructions from the concerned authorities to state that the legal notice dated 14.10.2025 issued by petitioner No.12, namely, Bhupinder Singh will be decided by the competent authority by passing a speaking order in accordance with law within a period of 3 months from today.
3. In view of the aforesaid statement made by learned State Counsel, the present petition is disposed of at this stage.

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

28.04.2026 **(AMARJOT BHATTI)**
Bhumika **JUDGE**

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| 1. Whether speaking/reasoned: | Yes/No |
| 2. Whether reportable: | Yes/No |