



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

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CWP-11232-2026

Date of Decision: 28.04.2026

SABINA SINGH

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present:- Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Advocate for
Mr. Sajjan Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Tanushree Gupta, Senior Deputy Advocate General,
Haryana.

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA, J. (Oral)

The petition has been filed seeking a writ of *mandamus* directing the respondents to redesignate the petitioner as Professor with effect from 01.01.2016 or from 11.11.2022 with all consequential benefits.

2. Learned State counsel has received instructions from the second respondent/Director General, Higher Education, vide memo dated 27.04.2026, which is retained on the case file as Annexure 'A'. Referring to the same, it is submitted that the petitioner's case for redesignation was placed before the Screening-cum-Evaluation Committee for grant of Professor grade. However, she has not been found entitled to redesignation on account of her failure to fulfill the prescribed eligibility conditions. The instructions are to the following effect:

The retirement of the petitioner is due on 30.04.2026, therefore, being special case, her case for grant of Professor Grade was placed before the Screening-cum-Evaluation



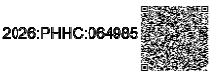
Committee in light of above provisions. The meeting was held on 22.04.2026 under the chairmanship of Worthy Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Haryana, Department of Higher Education, which was duly attended by the petitioner also and produced the documents relied upon which she is claiming for grant of Professor Grade. The Committee examined the documents/research papers submitted by the petitioner for her Professor Grade Scale and after affording due opportunities to the petitioner, the Committee has observed as under:-

"1. Though the official had submitted 10 research papers for her CAS for professor Grade, the committee observed that one of the papers titled "The Influence of Historical Events and Movements on Contemporary Social and Political Issues in India Dr. Sabina Singh Associate Professor Pt. J. L. N. Government P.G. College, Faridabad (Haryana). Published in IOSR Journal of Humanities and Social Science Volume 24 Issue 3 Series 9 March 2021 has divergence in date and credential of publication which are Reflected in March Issue Volume 24, Issue 3, Series 1 (March. 2019) 98-102 e-ISSN: 2279-0837, p-ISSN: 2279-0845. www.iosrjournals.org. (Annexure R3 & R4)

2. The committee observed that out of 10 research papers (Annexure R5) submitted by the official 7 research papers have been published only during in a span of two i.e. 2022 & 2023.

3. Some of the papers claimed to have been published in UGC approved of journals but after verification it was observed that except one journal rest were not in the UGC approved/care lists. But these journals in their website falsely claimed to be in UGC approved/care lists along with impact factor also.

4. Further the papers were all on different subjects (Renewable Energy, Women Rights, Cyber Crime,



Globalization Impact, NEP, etc.), published within a short span of time. None of the papers of the official is in her concerned subject Geography.

Therefore, the Committee concluded that technically at least one paper cannot be accepted due to the reasons indicated at point. No. 1 above and thus the official does not fulfil the eligible number of research publications and therefore it is recommended that the CAS case for professor grade of Dr. Sabina Singh, Associate Professor (Geography) may not be considered.

In addition to the issues raised, it is also mentioned that the official has informed only about 3 papers in her ACRs (submitted during the period from 2018-19 to 2023-24 (Annexure R6), during which period all the papers are claimed to have been published). She never claimed/indicated in any of the ACRs. This amply proves that these papers have been added subsequently by fraudulent means. Hence, the petitioner is not entitled for CAS i.e. Professor Grade at this stage.

3. In these circumstances, learned counsel for the petitioner seeks permission to withdraw the petition with liberty to challenge the decision of the Screening-cum-Evaluation Committee, dated 22.04.2026.
4. Permitted to do so.
5. Dismissed as withdrawn with the liberty prayed for.

(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE

28.04.2026
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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>