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

(255)

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Date of Decision : 25.03.2026

Naresh Kumar

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present: Mr. Anish Babbar, Advocate and
Mr. Parmod Chauhan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Tejinder Pal Singh Walia, AAG, Punjab.

KULDEEP TIWARI, J. (ORAL)

1. Through the instant writ petition, cast under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, a challenge is thrown to the order dated 02.07.2021 (Annexure P-11), as passed by the respondent No.3, wherethrough, the claim of the petitioner for extension in service being State Awardee, has been rejected.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that on 15.08.2017, the Govt. of Punjab, has issued *Praman Patra* (State Award), recognizing the exemplary services rendered by the petitioner in the field of '*Learned Profession*'. He further submits that guidelines/instructions issued by the Director of Public Instructions (Secondary Education), Punjab, on 25.04.2020 (Annexure P-2), creates a right in favour of the petitioner, to seek extension in service, beyond the age of 58 years. He next submits that on account of

General Policy adopted by the respondent/department concerned, the



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petitioner was working on extension in service, w.e.f. 01.04.2020. However, the said guidelines/instructions, were withdrawn by the State Government, on 02.03.2021, and the petitioner, on attaining the age of superannuation, was relieved from the service on 30.09.2020, in view of the general policy, as adopted by the State of Punjab.

3. Finally, he submits that the petitioner now seeks further extension in the service, in view of guidelines/instructions issued on 25.04.2020 (Annexure P-2), which entitles the State Awardee, for further extension of one year into the service. He has also placed reliance on the clarification issued by the Department of General Administration, Govt. of Punjab, where through, it has been clarified that no separate *Praman Patra* or medals should be given by different departments like education, language, agriculture department etc., to submit that the guidelines/instructions dated 25.04.2020 (Annexure P-2), though issued by the Education Department, would have applicability in the entire State of Punjab.

4. This Court has heard the learned counsel for the petitioner, and is of the considered opinion that the submissions, as made by learned counsel for the petitioner, are totally misconceived.

5. The guidelines/instructions, issued on 25.04.2020 (Annexure P-2), was adopted by the Education Department, only, and the said guidelines/instructions were never adopted for all other employees, working in different departments of State of Punjab. Further, the petitioner is governed by Rule 3.26 (a) of Punjab Civil Services Rules, Volume-I, Part-I, according to which, he is entitled to serve only upto the age of 58 years.

6. The clarification dated 04.02.1999 (Annexure A-1/T), as issued by the Department of General Administration, Govt. of Punjab, upon which,



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reliance has also been placed by learned counsel for the petitioner, would not yield any fruit to the petitioner, as the same does not give any right to the petitioner, to seek further extension of one year into the service, merely, on account of being a State Awardee, carrying a *Parman Patra* (Annexure P-1).

7. Considering the totality of facts and circumstances of the instant *lis*, this Court does not find any merit in the submissions, made on behalf of the petitioner. Consequently, the instant writ petition is, **dismissed**.

(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

March 25, 2026
Manpreet

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No