



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

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CWP-11709-2026

Date of decision : 20.04.2026

Aarish Lota

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. Supinder Singh Sohi, Advocate for the petitioner.

NAMIT KUMAR J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus, directing the respondents to treat the notional date of appointment of the petitioner as 02.07.2022 i.e. the date on which the first batch of ETT Teachers was appointed under Advertisement dated 30.07.2021 (Annexure P-1) and accordingly, grant the petitioner all notional and consequential benefits from the said date and further, to revise the seniority list of ETT Teachers appointed under the abovesaid advertisement and to place the petitioner therein in accordance with his position in the merit list, above all candidates who were appointed against subsequent vacancies or under subsequent advertisements.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that for redressal of his grievances, the petitioner has also served legal notice dated 09.01.2026 (Annexure P-8) to the respondents which is still pending consideration. He further submits that at this stage, the petitioner would be satisfied, if appropriate directions are issued to the respondents to

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consider and decide the said legal notice, by passing a speaking order, in a time bound manner.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Surya Kumar, A.A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-State. He has no objection to the innocuous prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record of the case.

6. Without going into the merits of the case at this stage, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to consider and decide legal notice dated 09.01.2026 (Annexure P-8) submitted by the petitioner expeditiously, by passing a speaking order after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner, preferably within a period of 03 months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. Further, the decision taken thereon shall be conveyed to the petitioner. Needless to say, if the petitioner is found entitled to the relief sought, the same shall be granted to him within a period of 01 month thereafter.

20.04.2026
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(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No