



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

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CWP-13226-2026

Date of decision: 30.04.2026

Dr. Navjot Kaur

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present : Mr. Ranjit Singh Kalra, Advocate for the petitioner.

NAMIT KUMAR, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking a writ of mandamus, directing the respondents to summon the records of the case especially where the salary of the petitioner has been fixed not only on the lower pedestal than the counterparts but also lower than the persons, discharging the duties as Assistant Professor, whereas the petitioner has been discharging the duties as Associate Professor and to quash the same, and to extend the benefit of service and salary at par with the employees, who were appointed in the same selection/subsequent selection on the post of Associate Professor, in the gross pay of Rs.2,20,351/- with the initial basic pay fixed at Rs.1,15,800/-, along with arrears of salary with interest @ 18% per annum.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that for redressal of her grievances, the petitioner has also made a representation dated 16.03.2026 (Annexure P-14) 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 consider and decide the said representation, by passing a speaking order, in a time bound manner. He further submits that the case of the petitioner is squarely covered by a judgment of this Court in *CWP-27372-2025 titled as 'Robin Khunger v. State of Punjab and others', decided on 02.04.2026.*

3. Notice of motion.
4. On receipt of advance copy, Mr. Siddharth Sandhu, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents. 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.1 to decide the representation dated 16.03.2026 (Annexure P-14) submitted by the petitioner expeditiously, by passing a speaking order after affording an opportunity of hearing to her, preferably within a period of 04 months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. Further, the decision taken thereon shall be conveyed to the petitioner.
7. Liberty is granted to the petitioner to supplement the representation within a period of two weeks from today.

30.04.2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No

(NAMIT KUMAR)

JUDGE