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

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Date of decision: 06.05.2026

Ishita

....Petitioner

versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. S.S. Thind, Advocate (through V.C.),
for the petitioner.

Mr. Swapan Shorey, DAG, Punjab.

NAMIT KUMAR, J. (ORAL)

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Allowed as prayed for.

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1. Instant petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ of certiorari for quashing the advertisements/notifications dated 15.01.2026 and 03.02.2026 (Annexures P-3 and P-4) of PSTET issued by respondent No.2, to the extent it restricts the category of disability only to blind and fails to recognise other statutorily recognised categories of visual impairment, including low vision as provided under the Rights of Persons with Disability Act, 2016 and for quashing the response/reply dated

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21.03.2026 (Annexure P-7), whereby representations submitted by the petitioner have not been duly considered and consequently for quashing the result dated 07.04.2026 (Annexure P-8) to the extent the petitioner has been denied consideration under the category of ‘Person with Benchmark Disability (Visual Impairment – Low Vision)’ and has instead been treated under the General category. Further, a writ of mandamus has been sought directing respondents No.1 to 3 to treat the petitioner as ‘Person with Benchmark Disability (Visual Impairment – Low Vision)’ and to reassess the petitioner’s result accordingly, by extending all consequential benefits, including relaxation in qualifying marks and to declare the petitioner as qualified, if found eligible under the said category. Further prayer has been made for directing the respondents not to deny the benefit of reservation to the petitioner on account of the absence of an appropriate category in the application form and to consider the petitioner in accordance with the disability certificate (Annexure P-2).

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that for redressal of her grievances, petitioner has moved representation dated 23.02.2026 (Annexure P-6), however, no action has been taken thereon till date. Learned counsel for the petitioner confines his prayer for deciding representation dated 23.02.2026 (Annexure P-6) and submits that at this stage, petitioner would be satisfied, if the said representation is considered and decided by passing a speaking order in a time-bound frame.

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3. Notice of motion.
4. Mr. Swapan Shorey, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and 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 expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioner in the present petition, respondent No.2 is directed to consider and dispose of the claim made by the petitioner in the representation dated 23.02.2026 (Annexure P-6) in accordance with law, by passing a speaking order within a period of two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.
7. The petition stands disposed of.

06.05.2026
R.S.

(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No