



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

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CWP-14807-2026

Date of decision : 13.05.2026

Amita Walia

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. Jatinder Pal Singh, Advocate with
Mr. Baltej Walia, 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 grant promotion to the petitioner to the post of 'Reader' from the rank of 'Ahlmad' from the due date, along with all consequential benefits and to consider the claim of the petitioner for promotion to the post of 'Reader' to be filled amongst 'Ahlmad/Clerk' forthwith without any delay in accordance with the draft Rules called 'Punjab, Department of Transport (Punjab State Transport Appellate Tribunal) Group 'B' Service Rules-2025' (Annexure P-14) and to consider such claim w.e.f. due date along with consequential benefits. Further, to create and implement a regular promotional avenue for the cadre/post of 'Ahlmad', including by giving effect/finalization of abovesaid proposed/draft rules, in a time-bound period. Further, to fill the posts of Reader/Personal Assistant strictly from eligible regular employees by way of promotion instead of outsourcing.

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2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that for redressal of her grievances, the petitioner has also submitted representation dated 13.10.2025 (Annexure P-5) before 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.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Siddharth Sandhu, 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.1 to consider and decide representation dated 13.10.2025 (Annexure P-5) submitted by the petitioner expeditiously, by passing a speaking order after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner, preferably within a period of 06 months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. Further, the decision taken thereon shall be conveyed to the petitioner.

13.05.2026*kothiyal***(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No