



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

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CWP-15489-2026

Date of decision : 18.05.2026

Jaswinder Kaur

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. Prince Goyal, 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 immediately issue a corrigendum/rectification order reserving at least 1 post for women candidates in the Balmiki/Mazhbi Sikh Punjab (Category Code 81) sub-category out of the 03 posts earmarked for the said category, in the matter of recruitment to 19 posts of Child Development Project Officer (Group-B) in the Department of Social Security and Development of Women and Children, Government of Punjab, advertised vide Advertisement No.202212 (Annexure P-1), in conformity with the Punjab Government's Women's Reservation Policy, consistent with the treatment afforded to SC Others (Category Code 77). Further, to de-reserve the vacant Balmiki/Mazhbi Sikh Sports Persons Punjab (Category Code 84) and treat the same as a female seat for the Balmiki/Mazhbi Sikh Category; to issuance an appointment order in favour of the petitioner, to the abovesaid post, being the highest ranked female candidate in the Balmiki/Mazhbi Sikh Category with the marks of 322 and merit rank 6 and/or to keep one seat vacant during the pendency of the present petition.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that for redressal of her grievances, the petitioner has also submitted representation dated 12.02.2026 (Annexure P-3) to the respondents which is still pending



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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. Swapan Shorey, D.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 representation dated 12.02.2026 (Annexure P-3) submitted by the petitioner expeditiously, by passing a speaking order after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner, preferably within a period of 02 months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. Further, the decision taken thereon shall be conveyed to the petitioner.

18.05.2026
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(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

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