



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

207

CWP-21224-2016

Date of decision: 16.04.2026

Jashandeep Kaur

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present : Ms. Saloni, Advocate for
Mr. Kapil Kakkar, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Surya Kumar, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Tarun Vir Singh Lehal, Advocate
for respondent No.4-UGC.

NAMIT KUMAR, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, seeking a writ of certiorari, for quashing the order/communication dated 22.09.2016 (Annexure P-6), whereby the candidature of the petitioner for appointment to the post of Science Mistress has been rejected on the ground that she has passed the Graduation Degree from Periyar University, Salem through Distance Education Mode, whereas a number of persons, who had passed their same examination by the same method, have been working in various departments of the State of Punjab. Further, a writ of mandamus has been sought for directing the respondents to consider the claim of the petitioner for appointment to the post of Science Mistress as per her merit against the seats reserved for the General Category candidates and grant her all consequential benefits.

2. On the last date of hearing i.e. 17.11.2025, the following order was passed:-

*“Learned State counsel submits that similar issue was decided in **LPA No.1843 of 2019 titled State of Punjab and another Vs. Karamjeet Kaur, on 09.04.2025** along with other connected matters. Against the abovesaid judgment of the LPA Bench, SLP (Civil) No(s).46242/2025 has been filed before Hon’ble the Supreme Court in which notice of motion has been issued and order of status quo has been passed. She submits that as the matter is already pending before Hon’ble the Supreme Court, the present petition be adjourned awaiting the decision in the abovesaid SLP.*

Adjourned to 16.04.2026.”

3. Learned State counsel has reiterated his version as recorded on the last date of hearing.

4. The order dated 16.09.2025 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in SLP (Civil) Diary No.46242 of 2025, reads as under:-

“Delay condoned.

Issue notice.

Learned counsel appearing for the respondent accepts notice.

In the meantime, there shall be an order of status quo existing as on today.”

5. Learned counsel for the parties are *ad idem* that the present petition is squarely covered by the decision in **LPA No.1843 of 2019 titled as 'State of Punjab and another v. Karamjeet Kaur', decided on 09.04.2025.**

6. Consequently, the present petition is disposed of in the same terms, however, the same shall be subject to the final outcome of the aforesaid SLP.

16.04.2026

Vinay

**(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE**

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