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Order No. E- 940042

Dated: S.A.S Nagar: 30.01.2026

Speaking Order

To be substituted in place of order no. E-940042/2025324486-488 dated 03.11.2025/06.11.2025

Sh. Jasvir Singh, Punjabi Master, Government Senior Secondary School, Badshahpur, Block Samana 3, Distt. Patiala and 99 others (whose list is attached with this order), had filed Civil Writ Petition No. 13208 of 2025 in the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court with the prayer for directing the respondents to grant the statutory pay scale to the petitioners as per 2009 Rules i.e. 10300-34800+ Grade Pay Rs.5000/- from entry into Service along with arrears at interest rate of 12% thereon. The petitioners had further prayed directing the respondents to take into account the statutory pay scale of Rs. 10300-34800+Grade Pay of Rs. 5000/- with further pay revisions. The petitioners had further prayed for directing the respondents to quash the instructions dated 17.07.2020.

The Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court disposed of the petition vide order dated 12.05.2025. The operative portion of the order is reproduced as below:-

*Prayer made in the present petition is for directing the respondents to grant the pay scale as per the statutory rules with regard to which reliance is placed on the judgment of this Court in **Saurabh Sharma and others vs. State of Punjab and***

another. CWP-15896-2023, which was allowed on 13.09.2024 against which LPA-2977-2024 has also been dismissed on 10.12.2024. Regarding the claim raised in the present petition, a representation dated 07.01.2025, Annexure P-8, has been submitted to the respondents, which has yet not evoked any response. He, on instructions, prays that a direction may be given to the respondents to decide the same keeping in view the aforesaid judgment, in a time bound manner, to which learned State counsel has no objection.

In view of the above and without commenting upon the merits of the case, this petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the representation dated 07.01.2025, taking note of the aforesaid judgment, within a period of 6 months, which this Court has no reason to believe the authorities would not address in a just, fair and reasonable manner. Upon doing so, after notice and hearing offered to them and if found entitled, grant the benefit forthwith. Needless to say, if the orders are adverse to their interest, the same shall contain reasons and the petitioners shall be free to seek legal redress thereupon.

In compliance with the above said direction of the Hon'ble Court, Speaking order dated 03.11.2025/06.11.2025 was issued by the department whereby in the light of instructions dated 03.10.2025 issued by the Finance Department, claim of the petitioners were accepted.

P. K. Sharma
The petitioners were granted personal hearing on 13.01.2026 in the interest of justice to put forth their defence to substantiate their claim in the light of instruction dated 05.01.2026 issued lately by the Department of Finance in this matter. They have claimed the pay scale applicable upon them, according to the applicable rules and refix the pay accordingly.

I have examined the claim raised by the petitioners and also considered the order of Hon'ble Court in CWP No. 15896 of 2023 tiled as Saurabh Sharma and

others versus State of Punjab and another in which it was held that all candidate appointed under the same recruitment process are entitled to equal pay as per the 2016 Rules regardless of actual appointment dated in terms of which the present Petition has been disposed of . The relevant portion of the judgment in CWP No. 15896 of 2023 followed in Saurabh Sharma 's case is as under:-

"At this stage , learned counsel for the petitioners submit that though the petitioners have claimed interest but keeping in view the fact that they are only interested in the pay scale as entitled to them under 2016 Rules, they are not pressing their claim for the grant of interest..."

The Service of petitioners are governed by the "The Punjab Educational (Teaching Cadre) Group C Service Rules, 2018 and The Punjab Educational (Teaching Cadre) Border Area Group C Service Rules 2018." Rule 5 of the said rules provide that, "The members of the Service Shall be entitled to such scales of pay as may be authorized by the Department of Finance from time to time."

Accordingly, the approval is hereby accorded to fix the pay of the petitioners as per the above mentioned 2018 rules. Further According to the Punjab Civil Service (Revised Pay) Rules, 2021, notified by the State of Punjab Vide Notification No. 09/01/2021-5FP1/671 dated 05.07.2021, these pay scales are not applicable to employees recruited on or after 17.07.2020. The relevant part of the said rules is reproduced below:-

J. K. Singh " 2 (2) They shall not apply to the (b) Government Employee recruited in the service of State of Punjab or the Punjab Vidhan Sabha on or after 17.07.2020, on whom pay scales on the pattern of the Government of India are applicable."

As per above provision made in the rules, the pay scales as per 6th Punjab Pay Commission are not applicable to the petitioners in this case. .

Subsequently, in compliance of the orders of the Hon'ble High Court in matters related to Saurabh Sharma's case, Department of Finance, Punjab has issued instruction dated 05.01.2026, wherein it has been decided to grant the pay scale to the petitioners/employees which are more beneficial to them. The relevant part of the instruction dated 05.01.2026 is reproduced here under:

" 5. Decision of Government

5.1 After examination, the Government has decided that re-fixation of pay in cases decided on the basis of the judgment in Saurabh Sharma & Ors. vs. State of Punjab & Ors. shall be undertaken as under:

A. Cases where Departmental Pay Scale is Lower than 7th CPC Pay Scale

Where the pay fixed under the Departmental Service Rules (as applicable on the date of appointment) is lower than the pay scale notified on the pattern of the 7th CPC, the pay shall be fixed strictly as per the 7th CPC pay scale, being more beneficial to the employee.

Such cases are already covered under Finance Department letter dated 30.10.2025 and shall not require further re-fixation. This category includes:

- J. Khan*
- Employees governed by departmental rules mentioning pre-5th PPC pay scales, and*
 - Most employees governed by departmental rules mentioning pre-revised 5th PPC pay scales.*

B. Cases where Departmental Pay Scale is Higher than 7th CPC Pay Scale

Accordingly, in compliance of the orders dated 12.05.2025 passed by the Hon'ble High Court & in light of the above said directions dated 05.01.2026 issued by the competent authority, i.e, The Department of Finance, Punjab, the pay of the Petitioners be re-fixed strictly as per instructions contained in para 5 of the said instruction dated 05.01.2026.

Gurinder Singh Sodhi, P.C.S.

Director of School Education (SE), Punjab

Endst. No. Even / 2026 29629-831

dated: 03/02/2026

A copy of the above is sent to the following for information and necessary action:-

1. Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of School Education (Education-5 Branch), Civil Secretariat (II), Sector-9, Chandigarh.
2. Concerned District Education Officers (SE/EE) to fix the pay of the petitioners after getting it vetted from the Section Officer/DCFA and send the report to this directorate. Copy of letter dated 05.01.2026 is attached for reference w.r.t. fixation of pay.
3. Concerned Petitioners as per List Through D.E.O. (SE/EE).

Gurinder Singh Sodhi

Assistant Director School Education

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ਮਿਤੀ 05.02.2026

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਦਾ ਉਤਾਰਾ ਸੰਬੰਧਤ ਸਕੂਲ ਮੁਖੀ ਨੂੰ ਭੇਜ ਕੇ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਸੰਬੰਧਤ ਪਟੀਸ਼ਨਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਉਕਤ ਹੁਕਮ ਨੋਟ ਕਰਾਏ ਜਾਣ ਅਤੇ ਕਾਰਵਾਈ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਨੂੰ ਭੇਜਣੀ ਯਕੀਨੀ ਬਣਾਈ ਜਾਵੇ।

ਜਿਲਾ ਸਿਖਿਆ ਅਫਸਰ (ਸੈ.ਸਿ)

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