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O/o Director School Education (Secondary) Punjab, SAS Nagar

(Promotion Cell)

SPEAKING ORDER

Order No. E-1074104/2026 (P-3)

Dated: SAS Nagar- 03.07.2026

1. The Petitioner has filed CWP 697 of 2026 titled as Gurinder Jeet Singh V/s State of Punjab and Others before the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court seeking directions to the respondents for quashing the impugned order dated: 02.10.2024 passed by respondents, vide which some of the Physical Trained Instructors (i.e. PTIs), who scored lower marks than the petitioner as per the selection criteria adopted by the respondent department for recruitment to the post of PTI and therefore were lower in merit than the petitioner and were junior to the petitioner in the cadre of PTI, have been notionally promoted as DPE w.e.f. 01.04.2010 over and above the petitioner. He further prayed to direct the respondent no. 2 to consider the case of the petitioner for promotion to the post of DPE w.e.f. 01.04.2010 with all consequential benefits including further promotion to the post of Lecturer (Physical Education).
2. The Hon'ble High Court disposed of the present writ petition vide order dated 15.01.2026. The relevant extract of which is reproduced as under:

"In view of the above and without commenting upon the merits of the case, this petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to consider and decide the legal notice dated 05.11.2025 (Annexure P-5), submitted by the petitioner within a period of 03 months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order in accordance with law."

3. The matter has been examined in detail along with the records, service particulars of the petitioners, it was observed that petitioner was appointed against advertisement dated 23.10.2006 as PTI and joined the post on 07.12.2006. Later on the petitioner acquired required qualification of B.P.Ed on 19.05.2008 and became eligible for promotion as Physical Education Master. The department invited applications for promotion from the employees who were qualified on dated 30.08.2008 and eligible employees were promoted w.e.f. 01.04.2010. It is pertinent to mention here that the petitioner neither send his case nor he challenge the promotion orders dated 01.04.2010 at the relevant point of time. Thereafter, the department invited the cases from eligible employees for promotion to the post of Physical Education Master till 21.02.2014 in which the case of the petitioner was received and he was promoted by the Department as Physical Education Master vide order dated 30.12.2015.

4. It is worthy to mention here that the claim of the petitioner is barred by delay and laches. The petitioner has raised his claim after the lapse of more than 15 years from the date of promotion of his juniors.
5. In a similar case, as per the final order dated 17.10.2023 passed by the Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court in CWP No. 19603 of 2023- titled as Maninder Kaur V/s State of Punjab and Others, the claim of the petition for promotion to the master cadre from the date of their juniors have been declined, since no sufficient grounds have come forward for waiting almost 7 years in not challenging the promotions granted to so called juniors of the petitioner. The relevant part of the judgment dated 17.10.2023 is reproduced as under-

"The Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of State of Uttar Pradesh and others vs. Rajmati Singh 2022 INSC 1261, has held that in service matters the period of limitation is a relevant factor and things which have already been settled ought not be unsettled after a certain period of time. Relevant extract of the decision (supra) is reproduced as under:-

"18. In "Union of India and Ors. vs. Tarsem Singh" (2008) 8 SCC 652, this Court summarized the settled principles in the following manner: "7. To summarise, normally, a belated service related claim will be rejected on the ground of delay and laches (where remedy is sought is sought by filing a writ petition) or limitation (where remedy is sought by an application to the Administrative Tribunal). One of the exceptions to the said rule is cases relating to a continuing wrong. Where a service related claim is based on a continuing wrong, relief can be granted even if there is a long delay in seeking remedy, with reference to the date on which the continuing wrong commenced, if such

continuing wrong creates a continuing source of injury. But there is an exception to the exception. If the grievance is in respect of any order or administrative decision which related to or affected several others also, and if the reopening of the issue would affect the settled rights of third parties, then the claim will not be entertained. For example, if the issue relates to payment or refixation of pay or pension, relief may be granted in spite of delay as it does not affect the rights of third parties. But if the claim involved issues relating to seniority or promotion, etc., affecting others, delay would render the claim stale and doctrine of laches/limitation will be applied. Insofar as the consequential relief of recovery of arrears for a past period is concerned, the principles relating to recurring/successive wrongs will apply. As a consequence, the High Courts will restrict the consequential relief relating to arrears normally to a period of three years prior to the date of filing of the writ petition."

6. In view thereof, this Court does not deem it appropriate to entertain this writ petition. The writ petition is accordingly dismissed."

6. That in view of the facts and circumstances stated above and after due consideration of the legal notice of the petitioner, it was found that the present claim of the petitioner in the light of settled legal position is barred by delay and laches and devoid of merits, hence rejected.

Sakatar Singh Bal

Director School Education (Secondary) Punjab

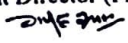
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1. Concerned DEO (SE)
2. Concerned DDO.

3. Sh. Gurinder Jeet Singh,
Pky. Edu. Master,
GSES Ghudha, Bathinda.

.....Petitioner


Assistant Director (Promotion)


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