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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR, SCHOOL EDUCATION (SECONDARY), PUNJAB, S.A.S. NAGAR

Speaking Order

Order No.- 1212679

Date: 21.10.2026

Whereas Mehal Singh and Others have filed CWP No. 24014 of 2026 before the Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court, inter alia praying for appropriate directions regarding their transfer and alleging that the stations in question, namely Government Senior Secondary School (Boys), Moonak, District Sangrur and Government Senior Secondary School, Bachhoana, District Mansa, were not shown or available to them as choice stations on the online transfer portal, whereas Respondents No.4 to 6 were subsequently accommodated at the said stations. The petitioners have further alleged that they had exercised their station preferences from amongst the vacancies displayed on the online transfer portal.

2. The present petition has been disposed of vide common order dated 17.08.2026, along with a bunch of other similar writ petitions, in the main case titled Ashish Kalra Vs. State of Punjab & Others, with, inter alia, following directions:

> . *"a Secretary, Department of School Education, Punjab, shall constitute a Committee to re-examine the policy in question in all aspects, including the issues, as demonstrated above, with a view to rectify the anomalies and ensuring complete transparency, thereby leaving no discretionary powers with the authorities concerned to be exercised arbitrarily, within a period of three months from today.*
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> *b. The Secretary, Department of Education, Punjab shall also constitute a separate Committee, within two weeks from today, which after hearing all the stakeholders including the petitioners, shall pass a speaking order qua every petitioner addressing his/her grievance, within a period of eight weeks from today."*

3. In compliance with the aforesaid directions, the Department constituted the Committee vide order dated 26.08.2026. The petitioners were afforded an opportunity of personal hearing on 22.09.2026. During the course of hearing, the petitioners reiterated their grievance that they had participated in the General Transfer Drive-2026 and had exercised their station choices through the online

transfer portal, but Government Senior Secondary School (Boys), Moonak, District Sangrur and Government Senior Secondary School, Bachhoana, District Mansa, were not reflected as available choice stations to them, whereas Respondents No.4 to 6 were subsequently transferred to the said stations.

4. The Committee has examined the contents of the writ petition, the applicable Teachers Transfer Policy-2019, the amendment dated 26.02.2024, the departmental instructions issued for the General Transfer Drive-2026 and the relevant official and MIS record available in the matter. In the present case, the petitioners participated in the prescribed transfer exercise and exercised their station choices for transfer to the stations selected by them. The transfer process was undertaken through the prescribed online system, wherein eligible candidates were required to submit their applications and exercise their station choices through the system. The allotment of stations was thereafter processed in accordance with the applicable policy and the parameters governing the relevant transfer round.

5. On examination of record, it is observed that the transfer exercise was undertaken through the prescribed online andsystem-driven mechanism, and the allotment of stations was processed through the portal on the basis of the applicable parameters. The process, therefore, was not based upon any individual discretionary allotment of a particular station by an authority.

6. The specific grievance of the petitioners regarding Government Senior Secondary School (Boys), Moonak, District Sangrur and Government Senior Secondary School, Bachhoana, District Mansa, has also been examined. The petitioners have contended that the said stations were not reflected as available choice stations on their online portal, whereas Respondents No.4 to 6 were subsequently transferred to the said stations. However, the mere fact that the said respondents were subsequently transferred to the concerned stations does not, by itself, establish that the stations were selectively made available to them at the stage when the petitioners exercised their station choices.

7. The Committee has also taken note of the station lists relied upon by the petitioners. In respect of District Sangrur, the petition itself refers to the stations reflected on the online portal for English Master/Mistress, which include PM Shri GSSS Moonak Girls, whereas the grievance raised by the petitioners concerns Government Senior Secondary School (Boys), Moonak. Likewise, the list

District. In the Within-District phase, only vacant stations falling within the applicant's current district of posting are displayed, whereas, in the Inter-District phase, vacant stations falling outside the applicant's current district of posting are made available for selection.

12. The aforesaid algorithm is applied uniformly across all designations. As per the implemented logic, there is no provision for differential visibility of a station between applicants having identical relevant eligibility parameters under the same transfer round and phase. Further, in the case of dying cadres, such as PTI, vacancies pertaining to DPE, being the replacement designation, are made available to eligible PTI applicants for selection. Upon successful allotment, the transfer is executed along with the shifting of the corresponding PTI post to the newly allotted location, in accordance with the applicable process.

13. The datasets of vacancies pertaining to schools, designations and subjects, as implemented during the various transfer rounds and phases, are attached for ready reference. It is pertinent to mention that the station-choice module utilises these datasets to filter and display available stations based on the applicable cadre/designation, subject and phase-specific criteria, as explained above.

In view of the above, the grievance of the petitioner stands redressed and the claim/ representation of the petitioners is hereby disposed of accordingly.

Sakatar Singh Bal, PCS
Director School Education (Secondary) Punjab

Endst. No. Even./2026/11332-34 Dated- SAS Nagar : 21-10-2026.

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

1. Secretary to Government Punjab, Department of School Education (Education -5 Branch), Civil Secretariat-II, Sector-9, Chandigarh.
2. Concerned District Education Officer (SE/EE).
3. Concerned Petitioner's (as per list attached)

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Assistant Director School Edcation-3

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