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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTIONS (S.E) PUNJAB, SAS NAGAR
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Speaking order

Order No. 1215109
Dated, SAS Nagar: 21.10.2026

Whereas Smt. Sarbjeet Kaur and another have filed CWP-24671 of 2026 titled as "Sarbjeet Kaur and another Vs. State of Punjab and Others" before the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court, inter-alia praying for appropriate directions regarding their transfer and alleging that the station in question, namely Government High School, Adhnian, District Sri. Muktsar Sahib, was not shown/available to them as a choice station on the online transfer portal, whereas Respondent No. 4 was accommodated at the said station.

2. The petitioners present writ petition has been disposed of vide common order dated 17.08.2026 along with the bunch of other similar writ petitions in the main case titled as Ashish kalra vs State of Punjab and others, with the 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."

"(b) The Secretary, Department of School 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, thereby addressing his/her grievance, within a period of eight weeks from today."

Whereas in compliance of the aforesaid directions dated 17.08.2026 passed by the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court, The Department had constituted a committee vide order dated 26.08.2026 for addressing the grievances of the petitioners in the aforesaid bunch. Accordingly, the grievance of the present petitioners was also heard by the said committee after giving opportunity of personal hearing on dated 22.09.2026. The Committee went through the contents of the present writ petition filed by the petitioners and examined the same in the light of the official record available and instructions issued by the Department from time to time.

3. During the personal hearing, the petitioners reiterated the facts and submissions already pleaded by them in the aforesaid writ petition and submitted that the station in question was not shown to them on the online portal, whereas the same station was subsequently allotted to Respondent No. 4. The grievance of the petitioners, averments made in the writ petition, applicable Transfer Policy, departmental instructions and available official/ MIS record have been duly examined.

4. The petitioners had participated in the prescribed online transfer exercise. The transfer process was undertaken through the online portal, wherein the 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 parameters governing the relevant transfer round.

5. On examination of the record, it is observed that the transfer exercise was undertaken through the prescribed online and system-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 of individual discretionary allotment of a particular station by an authority. In this regard, the available MIS record also provides an illustrative instance i.e. Sh. Baldev Singh Master Cadre (English) was transferred to PM SHRI GSSS Tripuri, Patiala (03170510902) during Round-1 of the within-District phase, wherein a total of 120 candidates had competed for the said location. The said record demonstrates that a particular station could be available for consideration of multiple candidates in the online transfer exercise and that its ultimate allotment to one candidate cannot, by itself, establish that the station was selectively displayed or allotted to that candidate.

6. It is further observed that the online transfer process is governed by the applicable Transfer Policy and the conditions and parameters prescribed for the relevant transfer exercise. The mere fact that Respondent No. 4 was ultimately accommodated at the concerned station does not, in itself establish that the said station was selectively made available to Respondent No. 4. The allegation of the petitioners that the concerned station was not shown to them has thus been duly examined with reference to the available MIS and official record. No material has been found on record that the concerned station was deliberately or selectively withheld from the petitioners or that any discretion was exercised for making the said station allotment to Respondent No. 4.

7. It is submitted that, during the station-choice phase of a particular transfer round, the transfer portal displays vacant stations to applicants based on their designation and subject, as applicable. Further, the stations offered for submission of preferences are restricted according to the nature of the phase, i.e., *Within-District* or *Inter-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.

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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./2026/3112/87-89 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. District Education Officer (SE),Tarn Taran and others Districts.
3. Concerned Petitioner's (as per list attached)

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Assistant Director School Edcation-3

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