



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

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COCP No.2117 of 2023 (O & M)

Date of decision :-18.08.2025

Roor Singh and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

Smt. Seema Jain, IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Education, Government of Punjab, Punjab Civil Secretariat, Sector 9, Chandigarh and another

.....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE NIDHI GUPTA

Present:- Mr. Prince Goyal, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Manmeet Singh Teji, AAG, Punjab.

NIDHI GUPTA J. (Oral)

Prayer in the present petition is for initiation of contempt proceedings against the respondents for not complying the order dated 15.2.2023 (Annexure P-1) passed by a co-ordinate Bench of this Court in CWP No.26826 of 2019 titled as “Naresh Kumar and others vs. State of Punjab and another”, which was decided in terms of the order of even date passed by the same co-ordinate Bench in connected CWP-28434-2019 titled as ‘Harbhajan Singh and others vs. State of Punjab and others’ vide which the State Government was directed “...to prepare a fresh seniority list in accordance with the Punjab State Education Class III (School Cadre) Service Rules, 1978 within a period of 6 months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this



judgment after giving all the affected candidates an opportunity of hearing and filing objections. Moreover, since this batch of writ petitions has been decided without giving hearing to all the affected masters, they shall have liberty to file applications for recall.....”.

It is submitted by learned counsel for the petitioners that thereafter the respondents had issued a Public Notice dated 07.7.2023 (Annexure P-2) wherein the quashed seniority list dated 19.6.2019 as tentative was uploaded on the website of the Department. It is submitted that therefore the direction dated 15.2.2023 to pass fresh seniority list has not been complied with.

In pursuance of order dated 24.7.2023 passed by this Court, learned State counsel has already filed the Reply dated 12.12.2023 by way of affidavit of Shri Kamal Kishor Yadav, Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of School Education, on behalf of respondent No.1 in the Registry, which is annexed with the file. The said Reply is ordered to be taken on record. Copy thereof is supplied to learned counsel for the petitioners. Registry to tag/paginate the same at appropriate place in the paper-book.

Learned counsel for the State, on instructions from Mr. Deepak Gauri, Sr. Assistant, Department of School Education, Punjab (Secondary) submits that the fresh seniority list dated 14.5.2024 in compliance of direction dated 15.2.2023 has been duly formulated and has been uploaded on the official website of the Department. Copy of the order dated 29.5.2024 passed by the Director, Directorate of School Education (Secondary) Punjab, SAS Nagar has been handed



over in the Court, which is taken on record. Copy thereof is supplied to learned counsel for the petitioners.

In view of the facts mentioned above, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the present petition may be disposed of with liberty to the petitioners to challenge the seniority list as well as the Order dated 29.5.2024 passed by the Director, Directorate of School Education (Secondary) Punjab, SAS Nagar, if so advised.

The present petition is **disposed of** with the liberty aforesaid to the petitioners.

Rule stands discharged.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stands disposed of.

August 18, 2025

Vijay Asija

(**NIDHI GUPTA**)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes / No

Whether Reportable Yes / No