



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

Sr. No.115

CWP-23257-2025

Date of Decision: 03.09.2025

Roshni

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present: Mr. Ashwani Bhardwaj, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Ms. Tanushree Gupta, Senior Deputy Advocate General,
Haryana.**TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA, J. (ORAL)**

The petition has been filed seeking a direction to the respondents to release the pending monthly financial assistance to the petitioner from June 2020 to February 2021, and continue the said benefit up to 19.10.2026 in terms of the sanction order dated 11.10.2012, Annexure P-1.

2. It has been contended that the petitioner's son was appointed as Drawing Teacher in 2010 pursuant to advertisement 06/2006, the selection was later set aside by the Supreme Court. He, however, expired while in service on 20.10.2011, and monthly financial assistance was granted to the petitioner vide office order dated 11.10.2012, Annexure P-1. The benefit has been discontinued in view of decision taken by the Director, Elementary Education, vide memo dated 26.02.2021, Annexure P-4, on the ground that a committee has been constituted to examine entitlement of employees like the petitioner's son to various benefits, including financial assistance to their dependents. But the financial assistance approved for the petitioner was



stopped even prior thereto from July 2020 onwards. As the memo dated 26.02.2021 has prospective effect, the petitioner's entitlement to financial assistance prior thereto, i.e., from July 2020 to 26.02.2021, cannot be disputed.

3. Learned State counsel has received instructions from the Department vide memo dated 02.09.2025, which is retained on the case file as Annexure 'A'. On that basis, she contends that the petitioner's son was appointed pursuant to advertisement 06/2006, the selection whereof was set aside by this Court. The litigation came to an end vide order dated 14.12.2020 passed by the Supreme Court. Accordingly, the services of Art and Craft Teachers, including that of the petitioner's son, were dispensed with in compliance of directions issued by the Directorate vide office order dated 09.02.2021. Later, vide office order dated 26.02.2021, the payment of financial assistance was stopped on that account. Since the petitioner's son has expired on 20.10.2011, she is entitled to the benefit of financial assistance till the date of issuance of directions by the Directorate, i.e., 09.02.2021, and District Elementary Education Officer (DEEO), Hisar, has been directed to release the amount of assistance to the petitioner from July 2020 to 09.02.2021 vide memo dated 02.09.2025.

4. Heard.

5. The fact regarding cancellation of selection of Art and Craft Teachers, including that of petitioner's son, is not in dispute. Accordingly, the petitioner cannot be held entitled to the monthly financial assistance as earlier given vide office order dated 11.10.2012, and no exception can be taken to the subsequent order dated 26.02.2021, whereby the assistance has been stopped by the Department. However, her entitlement to the balance amount of financial assistance from July 2020 to 26.02.2021 cannot be denied, which has been conceded to by the Department as well. And as per



the instructions, the concerned DEEO has already been directed to release the amount of financial assistance vide letter dated 02.09.2025.

6. In view thereof, this Court finds no reason to set aside the order dated 26.02.2021. The petition is, accordingly, disposed of with a direction to the respondents to release the outstanding amount of financial assistance to the petitioner from July 2020 to 26.02.2021, along with interest at the rate of six per cent per annum from the due date/01.07.2020 to the date of actual payment. These directions are to be carried out within two weeks of receiving a certified copy of this order.

(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE

03.09.2025
Maninder

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No