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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, EDUCATION RECRUITMENT DIRECTORATE
-CUM-DIRECTOR GENERAL SCHOOL EDUCATION, PUNJAB,

Government Model Sr. Sec. School, Phase 3B1, SAS Nagar, Ajitgarh

ORDER

Order No.:- 12/70-2015 RD(3)

Dated, S.A.S. Nagar: 19-02-2020

Whereas Sh. Sukhpreet Singh had filed Civil Writ Petition No. 23869 of 2015 in the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court. The Hon'ble Court, disposed of the said Writ petition and other connected writ petitions vide its common order dated 18-09-2019, which is as under: -

"The above noted batch of 38 writ petitions is being disposed of by this single judgment as common questions of law and facts are involved therein. However, the facts are being derived from CWP No.23869 of 2015, for brevity.

Through the instant civil writ petition, the petitioner has sought direction to the respondents to consider and appoint him on the post of Hindi Master on the basis of higher merit in the physically handicapped

category on account of declaration of revised result of 'Teachers Eligibility Test' vide order dated 05.06.2015 (Annexure P-13).

Learned counsel for the petitioner(s) contends that the case of the petitioner(s) is squarely covered by judgment dated 26.02.2019 passed by this Court in CWP-21108-2017 titled as **'Birinderjit Singh and others Vs. State of Punjab and others'**, wherein similarly situated petitioners had approached this Court and a direction was issued to the respondents to constitute a Committee of three officers headed by Chief Secretary and take a decision within a period of two months from the date of passing of the judgment.

Learned State counsel states that she has no objection if the present petitions are disposed of in terms of the aforesaid judgment dated 26.02.2019. Learned State counsel on instructions further submits that the Committee was constituted in the month of May, 2019, however, the Committee has not so far dealt with the issues.

Heard.

Duration of the Committee in issue was two months, however, the same is still subsisting. The Committee so constituted is directed to examine if the case

of the petitioners could be treated at par with the petitioners in CWP-21108-2017. If on examination of the case of the petitioners is found to be at par with the petitioners in the aforementioned writ petition, the petitioners be treated in the same manner.

Disposed of, accordingly.

Photocopy of this order be placed on the other connected files."

In compliance of the order dated 26.02.2019 passed in CWP No. 21108 of 2017, a committee was constituted vide order No. 21/430/17-1Edu-5/1477352/1-5 dated 07.05.2019 under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary and Principal Secretary, Department of Finance and Secretary, Department of School Education as Members and Secretary, Department of Personnel as Special Member.

The Committee after perusing the advice rendered by Ld. Advocate General and affording opportunity of personal hearing randomly to some petitioners of this writ petition and other connected petitions from all relevant batches of PSTET of 2011, 2013, 2014 and 2016 qua their claim for appointment in ETT and Master Cadre as a consequence of revision of PSTET result and after considering all the facts, the Committee has passed well-reasoned order vide Order No. 12/2007-2017 RD-3/202048062 dated 04.02.2020. Copy of the order dated 04.02.2020 is annexed herewith as a Annexure-I.

In view of the above, I, Mohammad Tayyab, I.A.S., Director, Education Recruitment Directorate-cum-Director General of School Education, Punjab keeping in the view the above facts, is of the considered view that the claim of Sh. Sukpreet Singh will be considered in accordance with Annexure-I, so ordered.

(Mohammad Tayyab, I.A.S.),
Director, Education Recruitment Directorate
-cum-Director General School Education,
Punjab, S.A.S. Nagar.

Endst. No. *even/202070201-03*

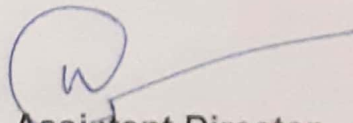
Dated, S.A.S. Nagar: *25/02/2020*

A copy is forwarded to the following for information:

1) Sukhpreet Singh s/o Nirmal Singh, Resident of VPO Barri, Tehsil Dhuri, District Sangrur.

✓ 2) A copy of Order is also uploaded on department website www.educationrecruitmentboard.com for information to petitioners in all connected matters.

3) The Registrar, The Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh.


Assistant Director
Education Recruitment Directorate

Annexure-I

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ORDER

Order No.:- 12/2007-2017 RD-3/202048062

Dated, Mohali: 04.02.2020

Whereas Sh. Birinderjit Singh S/o Sh. Surjit Singh, Age 37 years, R/o Mai Godri Sahib Colony, R.O. System Street, Kotkapura Road, Faridkot and others had filed Civil Writ Petition No. 21108 of 2017 in the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court. The Hon'ble Court, disposed of the said Writ petition along with other connected writ petitions vide its common order dated 26-02-2019. The relevant portion of the said order is as under: -

"Petitioners, in the above-mentioned petitions, are seeking a writ of mandamus to direct the respondents to consider the case of the petitioners for appointment to the posts of Masters/Mistresses/E.T.T. Teachers in various subjects as they claim to have cleared Teachers Eligibility Test as per the revised result.

Admittedly some appointments were made on the basis of result declared earlier. An anomalous situation

has arisen as to the entitlement of the petitioners for appointment on the basis of revised result and the right of the persons, appointed on the basis of earlier result, to continue in service.

A query has been put to Mr. Bajwa whether a committee of senior officers headed by the Chief Secretary can consider the entire issue and take a just and fair decision under the circumstances. He submits that there is no impediment in such an exercise.

Under the circumstances, the bunch of petitions are hereby disposed of with a direction that a committee of three officers headed by Chief Secretary shall be constituted to consider the claim of the petitioners as well as related issues. A decision shall be taken within two months and the petitioners be informed accordingly. The committee would also take into consideration the consolidated affidavit filed in CWP Nos.24341 and 29601 of 2017 while arriving at its decision."

In compliance of the above order dated 26.02.2019 passed in CWP No. 21108 of 2017, a committee was constituted vide order No. 21/430/17-1Edu-5/1477352/1-5 dated 07.05.2019 under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary and Principal Secretary, Department

of Finance and Secretary, Department of School Education as Members and Secretary, Department of Personnel as Special Member.

The Committee after perusing the advice rendered by Ld. Advocate General and affording opportunity of personal hearing randomly to some petitioners of this writ petition and other connected petitions from all relevant batches of PSTET of 2011, 2013, 2014 and 2016 qua their claim for appointment in ETT and Master Cadre as a consequence of revision of PSTET result, decided as follows:-

1(a) Whether the petitioners have any claim for appointment without appearing in selection test?

The committee noted that prior to 2015, as per a decision of the education department in File No. 2/1-2011 RC-1 dated 29.09.2011, the recruitments for master cadre were based solely on marks obtained by candidates. The calculation for merit was as follows:

25% each for graduation and B.Ed. courses, 30% for PSTET, 10% for Post Graduate course, 5% for M.Phil. and 5 marks for Ph.D. Two recruitments conducted were based on this criteria for 5178 posts and 3442 posts of masters/mistresses. However, this recruitment process was changed vide a decision of the education department in File No. 2/9-2015RD-8 dated 20.11.2015 for 6060 posts of masters/mistresses who were selected based on the marks obtained in PSTET and State level written selection test

conducted by the department. The recruitment process for master cadre of 3582 posts was conducted in which selection was purely based on marks obtained in State level written test conducted by the department as per decision of the education department in File No. 6/5-2017RD-9 dated 06.09.2017. As regards, 4500 and 2005 ETT (Elementary Teacher Training) posts, recruitment was conducted in the year 2015 and 2016 respectively, wherein selection was purely based on marks obtained in PSTET-I. Now, these candidates lower in merit than the present petitioners but serving the department for no fault of there's cannot be thrown out. Now, in case appointments are given to these petitioners based only on the old amended results, it will lead to reopening of closed Recruitment processes.

(b) Whether they are eligible now to appear in selection examination to be held in future?

Committee recommends that in all such petitioners who passed PSTET exam in different years, who gained eligibility for selection on account of revised PSTET result, above to be made eligible to appear in state level written test to be held in future along with other candidates who qualified in subsequent/future PSTETs.

2 (a) What should be the period of validity of Punjab State Teacher Eligibility Test (PSTET) for such petitioners?

In view of guidelines framed by National Council of Teacher Education (NCTE), the validity period of the Punjab State Teacher Eligibility Test is 7 years from the date of declaration of its result. Thus Committee in the light of the above guidelines decided that it will be fair and equitable to the candidates whose results have been revised to extend the validity of PSTET from the date of original result to the date of declaration of revised result, which is elaborated in tabulated form:-

S.NO.	YEAR OF PSTET EXAM	DATE OF ORIGINAL RESULT	DATE OF REVISED RESULT	EXTENDED VALIDITY UPTO
1.	PSTET-2011	29.07.2011	24.10.2017	23.10.2024
2.	PSTET-2013	19.06.2013	13.06.2018	12.06.2025
3.	PSTET-2013	10.01.2014	12.08.2018	11.08.2025
4.	PSTET-2014	07.10.2014	12.02.2018	11.02.2025
5.	PSTET-2016	29.12.2016	24.10.2017	23.10.2024

(b) Whether any relaxation in age is to be granted to the petitioners?

As a consequence of committee's recommendation and Speaking Order passed by Secretary School Education dated 14.06.2018, to allow opportunity to appear in screening test it will be fair to grant relaxation in age in accordance with the time gap between original date of result and revised date of result, which would be deducted to calculate relaxation in age as tabulated below:

S. NO.	YEAR OF PSTET	DATE OF ORIGINAL RESULT	DATE OF REVISED RESULT	PERIOD OF AGE RELAXATION
1.	PSTET-2011	29.07.2011	24.10.2017	6 years 2 months 26 days
2.	PSTET-2013	19.06.2013	13.06.2018	4 years 11 months 25 days
3.	PSTET-2013	10.01.2014	12.08.2018	4 years 7 months 2 days
4.	PSTET-2014	07.10.2014	12.02.2018	3 years 4 months 5 days
5.	PSTET-2016	29.12.2016	24.10.2017	0 years 9 months 26 days

Committee recommended to adopt the above relaxations which is fair and just qua the issue regarding age and period of validity.

The committee concluded the meeting with a recommendation that fresh recruitment will be conducted at the earliest in keeping with the vacancies arising in the School Education Department.

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Further necessary action be taken as per decision taken by the committee as mentioned above.

Sd/-
Krishan Kumar, IAS,
Secretary to Government of Punjab,
Department of School Education.

Endst. No. 12/2007-2017 RD-3/202048062 Dated, Mohali: 04.02.2020

A copy is forwarded to the following for information:

- 1) Birinderjit Singh S/o Sh. Surjit Singh, Age 37 years, R/o Mai Godri Sahib Colony, R.O. System Street, Kotkapura Road, Faridkot.
- 2) Karamjeet Kaur D/o Sh. Subeg Singh, Age 33 years, R/o V.P.O. Poohli, Teh. and District. Bathinda.
- 3) Meenu Bala W/o Sh. Umesh Kumar, Age 36 years, R/o Gobind Puri, Street No. 5, Kotkapura, Distt. Faridkot.

- 4) Parminder Kaur W/o Sh. Bhupinder Duggal, Age 34 years, R/o Basant Nagar, Street No. 4, Bathinda Road, Jaito, Distt. Faridkot.
- 5) Iqbal Singh S/o Sh. Dharam Singh, Age 35 years, R/o V.P.O. Bir Behman, Kora Patti, Teh. and Distt. Bathinda.
- 6) This order is also uploaded on department website www.educationrecruitmentboard.com for information to petitioners in all connected matters.
- 7) The Registrar, The Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh.

Sd/-
Deputy Director
Education Recruitment Directorate
04.02.2020

Director Genl
Senior Secy
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