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### ਆਪਸ਼ਨ ਬਦਲਣ ਦਾ ਹੱਕ।

ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਅਤੇ ਹਰਿਆਣਾ ਹਾਈਕੋਰਟ ਸਿਵਲ ਰਿੱਟ ਪਟੀਸਨ ਨੰ.18644 ਆਫ 2015 ਗੁਰਮੀਤ ਸਿੰਘ ਅਤੇ ਹੋਰ ਬਨਾਮ ਸਟੇਟ ਆਫ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਹੋਰ ਦੇ ਫੈਸਲੇ 11-3-2016 ਨੂੰ ਹੋਇਆ। ਜਿਸ ਵਿੱਚ ਉਸ ਨੇ ਆਪਸ਼ਨ 1-1-2006 ਤੋਂ 1-11-2006 ਲੈਣ ਲਈ ਕਿਹਾ ਸੀ। The claim in these petitions is for a second opportunity to exercise option by changing the first option from 1st January, 2006 to 1st November, 2006. The change is necessitated because of loss of pay reduction on account of audit objection in the pay fixation of the petitioners w.e.f. 1st January, 2006, which has resulted grant of lesser pay to the petitioners than their juniors in the same cadre. ਜਿਲ੍ਹਾਂ ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਅਫਸਰ (ਐ.ਸਿ.) ਪਟਿਆਲਾ ਨੇ ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ. ਅ-1()2016-1821-1825 ਮਿੱਤੀ 01-06-2016 ਅਨੁਸਾਰ ਆਪਸ਼ਨ ਬਦਲਣ ਦੇ ਆਰਡਰ ਜਾਰੀ ਕਰ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਹਨ ।



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#### PERFORMA (ENGLISH CAPITAL LETTERS) Writ Regarding Change Of Option

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Date Of Retirement	
Date Of Old Option	
Date Of New Option Demanded	
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Whats App Number	
Email Address	
Residence Address	
Signature	

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

Date of decision: 11.3.2016

#### CWP No. 18644 of 2015

Gurmit Singh & ors. ... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & ors. ... Respondents

CWP No.25339 of 2015

Sukhdhir Singh Sekhon & ors. ... Petitioners

Versus

The State of Punjab & ors. ... Respondents

CWP No.25378 of 2016

Tej Pal & ors. ... Petitioners

Versus State of Punjab & ors. ... Respondents

CWP No.3624 of 2016

Balwant Singh & ors. ... Petitioners

State of Punjab & ors. ... Respondents

Versus

### CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV NARAIN RAINA

Present: Mr. SK Rattan, Advocate, (in CWP No.18644 of 2015)

Mr. RK Arora, Advocate,

(in CWPs No.25339, 25378 of 2015 and 3624 of 2016)

for the petitioners.

Mr. Vaibhav Sharma, DAG, Punjab.

- 1. To be referred to the Reporters or not?
- 2. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?

#### RAJIV NARAIN RAINA, J.(Oral)

1. This order will dispose of above cases bearing CWPs No. 18644, 25339, 25378, 1682 of 2015 and 3624 of 2016 as common questions of law and fact are involved in them which can conveniently be

decided by a common order.

- 2. The claim in these petitions is for a second opportunity to exercise option by changing the first option from 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2006 to 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2006. The change is necessitated because of loss of pay reduction on account of audit objection in the pay fixation of the petitioners w.e.f. 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2006, which has resulted grant of lesser pay to the petitioners than their juniors in the same cadre. Due to subsequent change in the pay fixation of the petitioners, the basis of option exercised in the first instance has been removed by supervening events. This revives right to make a fresh option. This right has been denied forcing the petitioners to take legal recourse by way of the instant petition.
- The issue is no longer *res integra* as it has received judicial recognition in the Division Bench judgment of this Court rendered in **Randhir Kaur & others v. State of Haryana & others**, 2003 (2) SCT 240. The principle is proliferated in a Single Bench decision also relied upon by the petitioner delivered in CWP No.7464 of 2010 titled 'Surinder Kumar & others Vs. State of Punjab & others' on 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2010. In view of the declaration of law, the present petition would eminently be covered by the same principle.
- 4. However, in the matter of grant of relief, the same will remain restricted in terms of para.10 of *Surinder Kumar's case* the operative passage of which is reproduced as under:
  - "(10). Consequently, the writ petitions are allowed in part to the extent that while the respondents are directed to permit the petitioners to re-exercise their options in terms of the

CWP No.18644 of 2015

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Finance Department's Circular dated 24.12.1992 (Annexure P1) within a period of one month from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order, no resultant arrears of pay shall be paid to them and they shall be entitled to only the notional pay fixation w.e.f. 01.01.1986, 01.01.1996 and 01.01.2006, as the case may be. The petitioners, however, shall be paid emoluments/pension as per the re-fixed pay w.e.f. 01.03.2010 onwards."

As a result, the writ petitions are allowed in the same terms and the benefits arising out of change of option will be notional. The respondents are directed to obtain fresh option from the petitioners within a fortnight and process the case within one month thereafter to completion. However, the petitioners shall be paid emoluments/pension as per the re-fixed pay from the date of presentation of these petitions and regularly thereafter.

(RAJIV NARAIN RAINA) JUDGE

11.3.2016 monika

C.W.P. NO. 776 OF 2016 -

- Didar Singh S/o Sh. Nirmal Singh, ETT Teacher, Govt.
  Elementary School, Moond Khera, Block Patiala-3, District
  Patiala.
  - Jagjeev Kaushal S/o Sh. Krishan Dev, ETT Teacher, Govt. Primary School, Khuda, Bhunarheri-2, Patiala, District Patiala.
  - Jaswinder Kaur D/o Sh. Gajjan Singh, ETT Teacher, Govt. Primary School, Kanaheri, Bhunarheri-2, District Patiela.
  - Ravinder Singh S/o Sh. Bhag Singh, ETT Teacher, Govt.
     Elementary School, NPHC, Patiala-II, District Patiala.
- 5. Bikramjit Singh S/o Sh. Manjit Singh, ETT Teacher, Govt.
  Elementary School, Lang, Block Patiala-3, District Patiala.
- 6 Jatinder Kaur D/o Sh. Hardev Singh, ETT Teacher, Govt.
  Elementary School, Bakshiwala, Block Patiala-3, District
  Patiala.
- Kuldeep Singh S/o Sh. Jora Singh, ETT Teacher, Govt.
  Elementary School, Ucha Gram, Block Patiala-3, District
  Patiala.
  - 8. Jaspreet Kaur D/o Sh. Kartar Singh, ETT Teacher, Govt.
    Elementary School, Mahimudpur Jattan, Block Tunar-2,
    District Patiala.
  - Anjali D/o Sh. Madan Lal, ETT Teacher, Govt. Primary School, Mandi, Block Bhunarheri-2, District Patiala.
  - Navdeep Kaur D/o Sh. Ajaib Singh Chatha, ETT Teacher, Govt. Primary School, Mandi, Block Tunarhedi-2, District Patiala.
- Harbhagwan Singh S/o Sh. Surjit Singh, ETT Teacher,
   Govt. Primary School, Mahimudpur Jattan, Block
   Bhunarheri-2, District Patiala.

- Anita Rani D/o Sh. Ishwar Chand, ETT Teacher, Govt.
   Primary School, Sawai Singh Wala, Block Tunarhedi-2, District Patiala.
- Naresh Kumari D/o Sh. Ram Prasad, ETT Teacher, Govt. Primary School, Sawai Singh Wala, Block Bhunarheri-2, District Patiala.
- TejInder Kaur D/o Sh. Dilbar Singh, ETT Teacher, Govt. Primary School, Khuda, Bhunarheri-2, District Patiala.
- Janak Dulari D/o Sh. Labh Singh, ETT Teacher, Govt. Elementary School, Maarhu, Block Bhunarheri-2, District Patiala.
- Dipinder Singh S/o Sh. Hari Krishan, ETT Teacher, Govt. Elementary School, Kharhola, Block Rajpura-2, District Patiala.
- Jatinder Kumar S/o Shri Chand, ETT Teacher, Govt. Elementary School, Nalas, Rajpura-2, District Patiala.
- Preetl Verma D/o Sh. Desh Raj Verma, ETT Teacher, Govt.
   Elementary School, New Power House Colony, Patiala-2,
   District Patiala.
- Jyoti D/o Sh. Raghbir Singh, ETT Teacher, Govt.
   Elementary School, Raghomajra, Patiala-2, District Patiala.
- Narinder Kaur D/o Sh. Gurbachan Singh, ETT Teacher, Govt. Elementary School, Dharamkot, Bhunarheri-2, District Patiala.
- Lajia Devi D/o Sh. Durga Dass, ETT Teacher, Govt.
   Elementary School, Dharamkot, Bhunarheri-2, District Patiala.
- Manjit Kaur D/o Sh. Kartar Singh, ETT Teacher, Govt.
   Elementary School, Mainh, Patlala-2, District Patiala.
- Jaspreet Kaur D/o Sh. Jagjit Singh, ETT Teacher, Govt.
   Elementary School, Chaura, Block Patiala.
   Patiala.
- Mahinderpal Singh S/o Sh. Gurcharan Singh, ETT Teacher,
   Govt. Primary School, Hiragarh, Block Bhunarheri-2,
   District Patiala.

- Neeru Verma D/o Sh. Kesho Kishore Verma, ETT Teacher, 25. Govt. Sr. Secondary School, Mohinderganj, Rajpura, District Patiala.
- Vikram S/o Shri Chand, ETT Teacher, Govt. Elementary 26. School, Banwari, Block Rajpura, District Patiala.

.... Petitioners

#### Versus

- State of Punjab through the Secretary to Government, 1. Department of Education, Punjab Civil Secretariat-II, Sector 9, Chandigarh.
- The Director of Public Instructions (E.E.), Punjab, Punjab 2. Education Complex, 6th Floor, Phase-VIII, Mohali.
- The District Education Officer (E.E.), Patiala 3.

....Respondents

PLACE: CHANDIGARH DATED: 24.04.2016

ADVOCATE

COUNSEL FOR THE PETITIONERS

Petition under Articles 226/227 of Constitution of India for the Issuance of a writ in the nature of Certiorari/Mandamus or such other appropriate writ, order or directions quashing the impugned memo: dated 17.11.2015 (P-12), whereby, claim for allowing them to change/revise option for grant of revised pay scale w.e.f. 01.11.2006 instead of their previous option has been declined, as patently illegal, arbitrary, malafide unconstitutional and contrary to the settled law that in the change circumstances when pay of the employee is refixed/revised either on the basis of the subsequent decision taken by the Department or on the basis of any court decision, an employee can revise his earlier option for the grant of revised pay scale;

AND further directing the respondents to allow the petitioners to change their option for the grant of Revised Pay Scales w.e.f. 1.11.2006 instead of their earlier option w.e.f. 1.12006 or from any other date in terms of the Punjab Civil Services (Revised Pay Scales) Rules, 2009 in the changed circumstances, when the respondents have refixed the pay of the petitioners on account of audit objections due to which the petitioners are made to suffer financial loss and created anomaly in the pay because their juniors who exercised their

option w.e.f. 1.11.2006 has now started getting more pay;

AND still further restraining the respondents from effecting the recovery of the amounts already paid to the petitioners on account of their alleged wrong pay fixation as per audit objection and to refund the amount of recovery, if already made, to the petitioners;

AND/or such other appropriate writ, order or directions as this Hon'ble Court may deem fit in the facts and circumstances of the instant case.

#### RESPECTFULLY SHOWETH:

- That the petitioners are citizens of India and are competent to invoke the extraordinary writ jurisdiction of this Hon'ble Court under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India.
- That the petitioners were initially appointed as ETT

  Teachers in the Punjab Education Department during the year 2001-02. They are continuously performing their duties with due diligence and devotion to the entire satisfaction of their superiors. The service particulars of the petitioners i.e. names, designation, date of appointment, date of their previous option and revised option sought by them are given in the proforma which is being annexed herewith as Annexure P-1.

CWP No.7761 of 2016

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

Date of decision: 27.04.2016

CWP No.7761 of 2016

Didar Singh & others

\_Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab & others

Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV NARAIN RAINA

Present: Mr. R.K.Arora, Advocate, for the petitioners.

1. To be referred to the Reporters or not?

2. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?

### RAJIV NARAIN RAINA, J. (ORAL)

with CWP No.18644 of 2015; Gurmit Singh and others v. State of Punjab and others decided on 11.03.2016 by this Court. Those petitions have been allowed without saddling the respondent department with arrears arising out of refixation of pay/emoluments, by permitting those employees who want to change their option to their advantage w.e.f. 01.01.2006 to 01.11.2006. The earlier option exercised by the petitioners has led to an anomaly where persons junior to the petitioners are in receipt of higher pay. Even when Gurmit Singh's case was decided, the dispute was no longer res integra and was covered by the decision of the Division Bench of this Court rendered in Randhir Kaur & others Vs. State of Haryana & others; 2003 (2) SCT 240 and a Single Bench

VIMAL KUMAR 2016-05-02 17:15 decision of this Court in CWP No.7464 of 2009; Surinder Kumar & others Vs. State of Punjab & others, decided on 25.2.2010.

Since the matter is squarely covered on all fours by judicial precedents, it would not be necessary to obtain view of the Government on an already decided issue.

Be that as it may, let notice of motion issue.

On the asking of this Court, Mr.Nikhil K. Chopra, Additional Advocate General, Punjab appears for the State of Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the State and waives service on them. Mr.Arora has handed over a set of the paper-book to Mr.Chopra in Court. Mr.Chopra has gone through the decision in Gurmit Singh's case and read the prayers in this petition which match. As a result, this petition is allowed in the same terms as Gurmit Singh's case.

27.04.2016 Vimal [RAJIV NARAIN RAINA]
JUDGE

# ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ (ਐ.ਸਿ), ਪਟਿਆਲਾ

ਵੱਲ,

ਬੀ. ਪੀ. ਈ. ਓ ਪਟਿਆਲਾ-3, ਭੂਨਰਹੇੜੀ-2,ਰਾਜਪੁਰਾ-2, ਪਟਿਆਲਾ-1 ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਪਟਿਆਲਾ।

ਪੱਤਰ ਨੰ: ਅ-1()/2016 - 1821-1825 ਮਿਤੀ: 1 b 16

ਵਿਸ਼ਾ:-

## Request for Compliance of Order Dated 27-04-2016 Passed in CWP No. 7761 of 2016

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਵਿਸ਼ੇ ਵੱਲ ਆਪ ਦਾ ਧਿਆਨ ਦਿਵਾਉਂਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਹਦਾਇਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਪੰਜਾਬ ਅਤੇ ਹਰਿਆਣਾ ਹਾਈ ਕੋਰਟ ਵੱਲੋਂ CWP No. 7761 of 2016 ਵਿੱਚ ਇਹ ਹੁਕਮ ਦਿੱਤੇ ਹਨ ਕਿ ਵਿੱਤ ਵਿਭਾਗ ਦੇ ਪੱਤਰ ਮਿਤੀ 24–12–1992 ਰਾਹੀਂ ਪਟੀਸ਼ਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਰਜ਼ ਪਟੀਸ਼ਨਰ ਆਪਣੀ ਆਪਸ਼ਨ Re exercise ਕਰਨ ਦੇ ਹੱਕਦਾਰ ਹਨ ਅਤੇ ਉਹਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਤਨਖਾਹ 01–01–1986, 01–01–1996 ਅਤੇ 01–01–2006 ਤੋਂ ਫਿਕਸ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਵੇ, ਜਿਹੇ ਕਿ ਕਰਮਚਾਰੀ ਹੱਕ ਰੱਖਦਾ ਹੋਵੇ।ਆਪ ਨੂੰ ਇਹ ਵੀ ਹਦਾਇਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ ਕਿੱ ਪਟੀਸ਼ਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਰਜ਼ ਪਟੀਸ਼ਨਰ ਨੂੰ ਬਣਦੀ ਪੈਨਸ਼ਨ/ਤਨਖਾਹ ਅੱਤੇ ਭੱਤੇ ਦੁਬਾਰਾ ਫਿਕਸ ਕਰਨ ਮਗਰੋਂ 01–03–2016 ਤੋਂ ਦੇਣੇ ਯਕੀਨੀ ਬਣਾਏ ਜਾਣ।

ਇੱਥੇ ਆਪ ਨੂੰ ਇਹ ਵੀ ਹਦਾਇਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਪਟੀਸ਼ਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਰਜ਼ ਪਟੀਸ਼ਨਰ ਤੋਂ ਜੂਨੀਅਰ ਕੰਮ ਕਰਦੇ ਅਧਿਆਪਕ ਅਤੇ ਇਹਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਬੈਚ ਦੇ ਹੋਰ ਅਧਿਆਪਕਾਂ ਦੇ ਬਰਾਬਰ ਇਹਨਾਂ ਦੀ ਘੱਟੋਂ-ਘੱਟ ਤਨਖਾਹ Refix ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਣੀ ਯਕੀਨੀ ਬਣਾਈ ਜਾਵੇ।

ਆਪ ਨੂੰ ਮਾਨਯੋਗ ਅਦਾਲਤ ਦੇ ਹੁਕਮਾਂ ਦੀ ਕਾਪੀ ਭੇਜਦੇ ਹੋਏ ਹਦਾਇਤ ਕੀਤੀ ਜਾਂਦੀ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਪਟੀਸ਼ਨ ਵਿੱਚ ਦਰਜ਼ ਸਾਰੇ ਪਟੀਸ਼ਨਰ ਨੂੰ ਬਣਦਾ ਲਾਭ ਦੇਣ ਮਗਰੋਂ 15 ਦਿਨਾਂ ਦੇ ਵਿੱਚ-ਵਿੱਚ ਇਸ ਦਫ਼ਤਰ ਨੂੰ Compliance Report ਭੇਜੀ ਜਾਵੇ।

> ਜ਼ਿਲ੍ਹਾ ਸਿੱਖਿਆ ਅਫ਼ਸਰ (ਐ.ਸਿ), ਪਟਿਆਲਾ।