

Order

Order No. 2/126-2026/SSA/legal/efile 1119514/2/ 238- 240 Dated 07.05.2026

1. The present speaking order is being passed in compliance with the order dated 20.04.2026, passed by the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court in CWP No. 11627 of 2026, titled Ishita Bansal Vs. State of Punjab & Ors. The Hon'ble Court disposed of the writ petition with the following directions:-

"6. Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioner in the present petition, respondent No.3 is directed to consider and decide the claim made by the petitioner in the representation dated 06.03.2026 (Annexure P-12) in accordance with law, by passing a speaking order within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

7. The petition stands disposed of."

2. In compliance with the above order of the Hon'ble High Court, the claim of the petitioner has been examined in light of the relevant rules, instructions, and office records.

3. I have carefully perused the order dated 20.04.2026 passed by the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court in CWP No. 11627 of 2026, wherein the petitioner has prayed for the removal of existing pay anomalies and for the grant of the statutory pay scale to her, as mandated under the Punjab Educational (Teaching Cadre) Border Area Group 'C' Services Rules, 2018, under the Department of School Education.

4. In her representation dated 06.03.2026 (Annexure P-12), the petitioner has requested the grant of parity with the beneficiaries of Notification No. FD-FP-10CC(CWP)/202/2025-5FP1/01 dated 05.01.2026 issued by the Government of Punjab, Department of Finance, on the ground that she is similarly situated to the petitioners in CWP No. 15896 of 2023 titled as "Saurabh Sharma and Others vs. State of Punjab and another" and CWP No. 24613 of 2025 titled as "Dr. Saurabh Sharma and Others vs. State of Punjab and others" and other connected matters. The petitioner has further relied upon the law laid down by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *State of Punjab vs. Jagjit Singh*, 2017


(1) SCC 148, enunciating the principle of "Equal Pay for Equal Work," as well as the Punjab Dispute Resolution and Litigation Policy, 2020, and has sought all consequential benefits, including arrears with interest @ 18% per annum.

5. The case of the petitioner has been examined in the present context. It is a matter of record that the petitioner is working as a Math Mistress and is posted at Government Senior Secondary School, Dialpura Bhaika, District Bathinda. She is working under the administrative control of the Directorate of School Education (Secondary), Punjab.

6. The Director General School Education is handling matters related to Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, Punjab ICT Education Society, and Punjab Education Development Board. However, the petitioner is working under the administrative control of the Director School Education (Secondary), Punjab. Consequently, the Director General School Education has no administrative powers or jurisdiction to decide claim of the petitioner as claimed in the representation dated 06.03.2026 (Annexure P-12).

7. In view of the above change in the administrative setup, the undersigned lacks the requisite authority to adjudicate or decide the petitioners' representation on merits as directed by the Hon'ble Court. However, to ensure compliance with the judicial directions dated 20.04.2026 and to avoid any delay, this speaking order is being passed solely for the purpose of forwarding the matter to the competent authority.

8. Accordingly, the Director School Education (Secondary), Punjab, is hereby requested to consider and decide the representation dated 06.03.2026 (Annexure P-12) strictly as per applicable law, rules, and policies. The decision shall be taken expeditiously, within the remaining timeline stipulated by the Hon'ble Court. A copy of the final order passed by the Director School Education (Secondary), Punjab, shall be communicated to the petitioners forthwith.

 9. A copy of this order, along with the complete representation and a copy of the Court's order dated 20.04.2026, is being forwarded to the Director School Education (Secondary), Punjab, for necessary action and compliance.

10. The petitioner is at liberty to approach the Director, School Education (SE), Punjab, for any further clarification or to make additional submissions in support of their representation, if any.

Ordered accordingly.

Aravind Kumar M. K., IAS
Director General School Education,
Punjab

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A copy is forwarded to the following for information :-

1. Ishita Bansal, wife of Navdeep Jindal, resident of H. No. 24, Near BSNL Exchange, Bharat Nagar, Bathinda-151001
2. District Education Officer (S), Bathinda, Punjab.
3. The Director School Education (Secondary), Punjab, PSEB Complex, E-Block, 4th Floor, Phase -8, Mohali, with a request to decide the petitioners' claim strictly in accordance with law by passing a speaking order within the stipulated time.


Deputy State Project Director,
Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan, Punjab.

ਦਫਤਰ ਜਿਲਾ ਸਿਖਿਆ ਅਫਸਰ(ਸੈ.ਸਿ) ਬਠਿੰਡਾ

ਪਿਠਾਅੰਕਣ ਨੰ: ਅ-1()2026/ 1092

ਮਿਤੀ 08.5.2026

ਉਪਰੋਕਤ ਦਾ ਉਤਾਰਾ ਸੰਬਧਤ ਸਕੂਲ ਮੁਖੀਆਂ ਜਿਲਾ ਬਠਿੰਡਾ ਨੂੰ ਭੇਜ ਕੇ ਲਿਖਿਆ ਜਾਂਦਾ ਹੈ ਕਿ ਉਕਤ ਆਰਡਰ ਸੰਬਧਤ ਪਟੀਸ਼ਨਰਾਂ ਨੂੰ ਨੋਟ ਕਰਾਏ ਜਾਣ ਅਤੇ ਰਿਪੋਰਟ ਇਸ ਦਫਤਰ ਨੂੰ ਭੇਜਣੀ ਯਕੀਨੀ ਬਣਾਈ ਜਾਵੇ।

ਜਿਲਾ ਸਿਖਿਆ ਅਫਸਰ(ਸੈ.ਸਿ)

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