

BALWINDER SINGH & ORS. V/S PUNJAB SCHOOL EDUCATION BOARD & ORS.

Present: Mr. D.S. Patwalia, Senior Advocate with
Mr. A.S. Chadha, Advocate
Mr. Ravneet Singh Joshi, Advocate
Mr. Gaurav Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Ms. Akshita Chauhan, DAG, Punjab.

Ms. Anu Chatrath, Senior Advocate with
Ms. Vibhum, Advocate for respondents No.2 & 3
in CWP-20362-2019.

Mr. R.S. Kalra, Advocate for respondent-PSEB
Mr. S.S. Behl, Advocate for respondent-PSEB
in CWP-8109-2012.

Learned counsel for the petitioner(s) *inter alia* submits that the services of the petitioners had been regularized by the respondents-Punjab School Education Board in the year 2014 but they have not been paid the regular pay scale. They are working for over 10 years and are only being paid the daily wages. Some of the petitioners are working as Clerks, Restorers/Helpers and are being paid a meagre amount of Rs.6000-8000/- per month which is far less than the minimum amount required for their sustenance.

Learned counsel for the respondent-State while referring to the reply filed by respondent No.2 in CWP-19104-2012 submits that the decision with regard to regularization has to be taken by respondent No.1 Board.

Learned counsel for respondent No.1-Board submits that the order of regularization of the petitioners had been passed by the Board but the same had not been approved by the State government. He has referred to the communication received from the State government on 04.03.2022 that the

2011 Policy has lapsed and the Act of 2016 is being revisited by the State government.

It is manifest that contradictory stands are being taken by State of Punjab and Punjab School Education Board. There is no response to the averment that the petitioners are working at a meagre salary of about Rs.6000/- to 8000/- per month.

List on 20.10.2022.

The Chairman, Punjab School Education Board and Principal Secretary, School Education, Government of Punjab shall be present in Court on the next date of hearing.

Photocopy of this order be placed in the connected files.

21.09.2022
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(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

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