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

CWP-17192-2001

Date of decision: 11.05.2026

Baljinder Singh and others

.... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: None for the petitioners.

Mr. Siddharth Sandhu, AAG, Punjab.

NAMIT KUMAR, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of certiorari for quashing the public notice dated 20.10.2001, determining the criteria for short listing the merit after holding the interview for the posts of Lecturers in English and Punjabi (Annexure P-12), the result of which has been published on 16.10.2001 (Annexure P-11), which is contrary to law laid down by this Court in CWP No.18331 of 1994-*Major Singh and others Versus State of Punjab and others*, dated 28.03.1995 (Annexure P-13). Further seeking a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to interview the candidates on the basis of criteria approved by this Court in the aforesaid judgment under Clause A and B to give an equal opportunity to the fresh candidates as well as the departmental candidates.



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2. Learned State counsel submits that with the efflux of time, the relief claimed in the present petition has been rendered infructuous.

3. No one is present on behalf of the petitioners.

4. Consequently, the present petition is disposed of as having been rendered infructuous. However, liberty is granted to the petitioners to revive the same in case any cause still survives.

5. Copy of the order be sent to the petitioners.

(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No