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

**CWP-2708-2001**

Date of decision: 10.04.2026

Iqbal Singh Cheema

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR**

Present: Ms. Sonia G. Singh Samber, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Kanav Singla, AAG, Punjab.

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**NAMIT KUMAR, J. (ORAL)**

1. Prayer in this writ petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, is for issuance of directions to the respondents to produce the order(s), if any passed, vide which, the basic pay of the petitioner has been reduced from 15360/- p.m. (for the year 1999-2000) to Rs.13680/- p.m. (for the year 1999-2000), the rank of the petitioner has been reduced from Lecturer in Physical Education to Director in Physical Education and date of increment has been changed from July to January next following, and for quashing the same, as they have been issued without affording any opportunity of hearing to the petitioner and without assigning any reason to him. Further, seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to restore the salary of the petitioner to Rs.15360/- basic pay per month (for the year 1999-2000) in the scale of Rs.12000/- - Rs.18300/- and also for directing the respondents to



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restore the date of increment as well as the rank of the petitioner to that of Lecturer in Physical Education, with all consequential benefits. Further, seeking directions to the respondents to pay the arrears of salary, including a sum of Rs.5752/- wrongly deducted from the salary for the month of January, 2000, with interest.

2. Learned counsel for the parties are ad idem that the dispute being inter se the Management and the employee-petitioner, falls within the jurisdiction of the Educational Tribunal in terms of Section 7-A of the Punjab Affiliated Colleges (Security of Service) Act, 1974, therefore, the same may be transferred to the Tribunal for adjudication.

3. In view of the above and without commenting on merits of the case, the present petition is ordered to be transferred to the Educational Tribunal, Punjab having the jurisdiction.

4. Parties are directed to appear before the Tribunal on 27.04.2026. The learned Tribunal is requested to expedite the matter as the matter is pending since 2001.

5. Registry is directed to send the records of this case to the Tribunal forthwith.

**(NAMIT KUMAR)**  
**JUDGE**

**10.04.2026**  
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No