



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

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CWP-11051-2026

Date of decision : 10.04.2026

Geetanjali and others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. Kapil Kakkar, Advocate for the petitioners
(through video conferencing).

NAMIT KUMAR J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioners under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus, directing the respondents to rectify the seniority position of the petitioners in the Master Cadre Seniority, which has been finalized on 05.08.2024 (Annexure P-6), whereby the petitioners have been placed below their juniors merely on the basis that they were issued appointment letters at a later stage.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that against the final seniority list for Master Cadre dated 05.08.2024 (Annexure P-6), the petitioners have submitted separate objections which are still pending and effecting their further promotion to the post of Lecturer. One such objection has been annexed with the petition as Annexure P-7. He further submits that at this stage, the petitioners would be satisfied, if appropriate directions are issued to the respondents to consider and decide the said objections, by passing a speaking order, in a time bound manner.

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3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Surya Kumar, A.A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-State. He has no objection to the innocuous prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record of the case.

6. Without going into the merits of the case at this stage, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to consider and decide the objections submitted by the petitioners against the final seniority list for Master Cadre dated 05.08.2024 (Annexure P-6), expeditiously, by passing a speaking order after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioners, preferably within a period of 03 months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. Further, the decision taken thereon shall be conveyed to the petitioners.

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(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No