

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

SPECIAL LEAVE PETITION (CIVIL) Diary No(s). 6447/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 29-10-2025 in CWP No. 3005/2024 29-10-2025 in CWP No. 8124/2024 29-10-2025 in CWP No. 8126/2024 04-12-2025 in RACW No. 563/2025 04-12-2025 in RACW No. 562/2025 04-12-2025 in RACW No. 561/2025 passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh]

VISHAL KHANNA &amp; ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

CHANDIGARH ADMINISTRATION &amp; ORS.

Respondent(s)

(IA No. 40328/2026 - CONDONATION OF DELAY IN FILING, IA No. 40329/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT AND IA No. 40330/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T.)

Date : 16-02-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KAROL  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASHI

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. Chritarth Palli , AOR  
Mr. Agam Aggarwal, Adv.  
Mrs. Harsheen M Palli, Adv.

For Respondent(s) :

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following  
O R D E R

1. The petitioners challenge the judgment and order dated 29.10.2025 in CWP No. 3005/2024, 29-10-2025 in CWP No. 8124/2024, 29-10-2025 in CWP No. 8126/2024, 04-12-2025 in RACW No. 563/2025, 04-12-2025 in RACW No. 562/2025 and 04-12-2025 in RACW No. 561/2025 passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh.

2. Delay condoned.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners invites our attention to the relevant provision of the Notification dated 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 of the National Council for Teacher Education (page 63) which is extracted as under:

"F.No.62-1/2012/NCTE (N&S)- In exercise of the powers conferred under Clause(dd) of Sub-Section(2) of Section 32 read with Section 12A of the National Council for Teacher Education Act, 1993(73 of 1993) and in supersession of the National Council for Teacher Education (Determination of Minimum Qualifications for Recruitment of Teachers in Schools) Regulations, 2001 except as respects things done or omitted to be done before such supersession, the Council hereby makes the following regulations, namely:

1. Short Title and Commencement-

(1) These Regulations may be called the National Council for Teacher Education (Determination of Minimum Qualifications for persons to be recruited as Education Teachers and Physical Education Teachers in pre-primary, primary, Upper primary, Secondary, Senior Secondary or Intermediate Schools or Colleges) Regulations, 2014.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette."

4. Further, our attention is invited to the advertisement issued by the respondents for filling up 133 posts of Nursery Teachers (NTT) on a regular basis, which also stipulates identical qualifications.

5. Learned counsel further submits that the High court, though correctly interpreting the Rule in paragraphs 11 and 13 of the impugned judgment, without assigning any reason and ignoring the same, dismissed the petitioner's claim.

6. Issue notice, returnable on 01.04.2026.

7. Dasti service, in addition, is permitted. Let steps for service be taken within one week.

8. In the notice itself, let it be mentioned that respondents are required to file their counter affidavit and reply to the interlocutory application(s), if any, before the next date of listing.

9. The appointment in selection shall be subject to the outcome of the present petition, which fact shall be notified to the successful candidates.

(RAJNI MUKHI)  
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(ANU BHALLA)  
COURT MASTER (NSH)