

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL NO.6405 OF 2011

HARJOT SINGH

APPELLANT(S)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB & ORS.

RESPONDENT(S)

O R D E R

The appellant filed a writ petition challenging the order of termination of his service as an Arts and Craft Teacher in Education Department (Senior Secondary), Punjab. His initial appointment was terminated after the authorities found that Respondent No.4 who was more meritorious than the appellant, was not appointed due to a mistake on the part of the office.

During the pendency of the writ petition, the appellant continued to be in service on the strength of an interim order passed by the High Court.

The High Court vide its judgment upheld the order of termination of service of the appellant. Aggrieved by the said judgment, the appellant has filed the present appeal.

By an order dated 29.07.2011, this Court directed status quo.

We are informed by Ms. Uttara Babbar, learned

counsel appearing for the State of Punjab that she has instructions that both appellant and Respondent No.4 are in service as of today.

Taking into account the fact that the appellant has been continuing in service since the date of his appointment i.e. 21.12.2001, we are of the opinion that the appellant should be permitted to continue. Needless to say, that the fourth Respondent shall not be disturbed.

This order is passed in the peculiar facts of this case and this shall not be treated as a precedent.

With the above observation, the appeal is disposed of. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

.....J  
( L.NAGESWARA RAO )

.....J  
( ANIRUDDHA BOSE )

NEW DELHI;  
28<sup>th</sup> JULY, 2021

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Date : 28-07-2021 This appeal was called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE L. NAGESWARA RAO  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIRUDDHA BOSE

For Appellant(s)                      Mr. Amit Pawan, AOR

For Respondent(s)                      Ms. Uttara Babbar, AOR  
Mr. Manan Bansal, Adv  
Ms. Shweta Mohta, Adv

R-4    Mr. Mukesh Kr. Verma, Adv  
Mr. Onkar Singh, Adv  
Mr. Sumit Anchal, Adv  
Mr. Ashwani Bhardwaj, AOR

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

The appeal is disposed of in terms of the  
Signed Order. Pending application(s), if any, shall  
also stand disposed of.

(Geeta Ahuja)  
Court Master

(Signed Order is placed on the file)

(Anand Prakash)  
Court Master