

No.EDN(SE)-H(3)B(6)CWP No. 2171/23-Hem Raj (III)
Directorate of School Education
Himachal Pradesh, Lalpani, Shimla-1

Dated: Shimla-171001 the February, 2026

ORDER

Whereas, various petitioners have filed court case in the Hon'ble High Court of HP under CWP No. 17718 of 2025 – Savita Kumari versus State of HP., CWP No. 18590 of 2025 – Urmila Devi versus State of HP., and CWP No. 17582 of 2025 – Subhash Chander versus State of HP., for seeking relief in terms of judgment passed by the Hon'ble court in CWP No. 2171 of 2023 -Hem Raj vs. State of HP a/w connected matter decided on 04.09.2023 and LPA No. 102 of 2010 - Dr. Lekh Ram Sharma vs. State of HP and another decided on 13.01.2012. The Hon'ble High Court has disposed of above court cases with the direction to the respondents/competent authority to consider and decide the representation of the petitioner in accordance with law as well as taking into consideration the judgments passed in Hem Raj's and Dr. Lekh Ram Sharma's case.

Whereas, in compliance to the judgment(s) passed by the Hon'ble High Court in above court cases representation of the petitioners have been examined taking into consideration the Notification of the Government issued vide No. EDC-B(15)15/2011 dated 20-08-2022 which says, "all Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) qualified and Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) passed Shastris and Language Teachers(LTs) are to be designated as Trained Graduate Teachers (Sanskrit) and Trained Graduate Teachers (Hindi) in their respective pay scale structure." Therefore, nomenclature was changed of only those Shastri/Language Teachers who are B.Ed. qualified and TET pass. The Hon'ble High Court in the said CWP No. 2171/2023, has passed the following judgment on 04-09-2023 at Para 7:-

"In view of the discussion in para 5 above, these writ petitions are allowed. The respondents are directed to grant the pay scale of the post of Trained Graduate Teachers (TGTs) and promotional avenue to the post of Lecturer(School New) to the petitioners (Shastri (Sanskrit) and Language Teacher (Hindi)- now-redesignated as TGT(Sanskrit) and TGT(Hindi) respectively, in terms of notification dated 20-08-2022, as is being given to TGT(Medical), TGT(Non- Medical), and TGT(Art). This shall be admissible to them from the date of issuance of notification dated 20.08.2022. The exercise be completed within seven weeks from today, miscellaneous applications, if any, also stand disposed of."

Whereas, the Hon'ble High Court in the LPA No. 102 of 2010 has passed the following judgment on 13.01.2012 at Para 9 & 16:-

9 As such, there is no dispute that Shastri was equated with Graduation, Acharya with Post Graduation and Shiksha-Shastri with B.Ed. Vidya-Varidhi was equated with Ph.D. There is no dispute with regard to these aspects. It is also not disputed that the appellants had represented time and again that they were not being promoted, they have no avenues of promotion and they should be treated equivalent to Trained Graduate Teachers for the purpose of promotion since they were getting identical pay as Trained Graduate Teachers. They fulfilled all the eligibility criteria as far as the educational qualifications are concerned.

16. Keeping in view the above discussion, we partly allow the appeal and hold that the appellants should be considered for promotion to the posts of Lecturer in Higher Secondary School cadre from the dates when they fulfilled all the necessary conditions otherwise applicable for Lectures in Higher Secondary Schools and when person(s) who had been recruited after them as TGT were considered and appointed to the post of Lecturers in the subject of Sanskrit alone. However, their prayer for being appointed as Headmaster is rejected.

And whereas, on perusal of the service record and representation (Annexure P-11), it is observed that the petitioners, currently serving as Drawing Masters, seek a change in

nomenclature to TGT (Arts) and subsequent promotion to the post of Lecturer (School-New). However, the case of the petitioners is not same and similar to the petitioner in the relied upon judgment in Dr. Lekh Raj Sharma, who was already paid identical scale at par with TGT and subsequently promoted to the post of Lecturer Sanskrit. In the present case, the petitioners are working as Drawing Master from their initial appointment in the pay scale of their respective post. They have neither been designated as TGTs by the State Government, nor do they receive a pay scale at par with TGTs. Furthermore, the State Government's decision to change the nomenclature of Shastris and Language Teachers to TGT (Sanskrit/Hindi) does not extend to Drawing Masters. Significantly, as per NCTE guidelines issued from time to time, a B.Ed. degree and Teacher Eligibility Test (TET) are essential qualifications for appointment as a TGT. These qualifications are not mandatory for the post of Drawing Master. Consequently, the petitioners cannot claim the benefits of nomenclature change or promotion on the analogy of the cited judgment.

Therefore, in view of above findings, I am of considered view that the claim of the petitioners' lack merit. Accordingly, representation is hereby rejected. All the concerned be intimated accordingly.

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**Director of School Education
Himachal Pradesh, Shimla-1**

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