

ITEM NO.19

Court 4 (Video Conferencing)

SECTION IV-B

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

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No.12702-12703/2021

(Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 08-02-2021 in LPA No.145/2021 23-03-2021 in CWP No.3154/2016 passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh)

KIRANJIT SINGH TIWANA & ANR.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

THE STATE OF PUNJAB & ORS.

Respondent(s)

(With appln.(s) for I.R. and IA No.101000/2021-EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT and IA No.101002/2021-EXEMPTION FROM FILING O.T. and IA No.100998/2021-EXEMPTION FROM FILING AFFIDAVIT)

Date : 23-08-2021 These petitions were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :

HON'BLE DR. JUSTICE D.Y. CHANDRACHUD
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.R. SHAH

For Petitioner(s)

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For Respondent(s)

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

- 1 The Letters Patent Appeal before the High Court arose from an ad-interim order dated 30 March 2016 of a Single Judge. The Division Bench observed that since the matter was listed before the Single Judge on 23 March 2021, the application for interim relief can be disposed of on the next date of listing.
- 2 The grievance of the petitioners is that as a consequence of the interim order continuing for over five years, selections to the Punjab Civil Service (Executive Cadre through Register A-1) have been held up.
- 3 Mr Manoj George, learned counsel for the petitioner states that the proceedings were listed before the Single Judge on 31 March 2021 and were adjourned to 19 April 2021, after which they were listed but adjourned en-bloc to 17 November 2021. Learned counsel states that an affidavit has been filed before the High Court by the State government.
- 4 We are not expressing any opinion on the merits of the dispute before the High Court in the absence of the respondents. Since the proceedings are pending since 2016, the Single Judge should finally dispose of the petition preferably on a day-to-day basis either on a video conferencing platform or otherwise, within a period of one month from the date on which a certified copy of this order is placed on the record.
- 5 The Special Leave Petitions are disposed of.
- 6 Pending applications, if any, stand disposed of.

(CHETAN KUMAR)
A.R. - cum - P.S.

(SAROJ KUMARI GAUR)
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