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TO,

Hon'ble Chief Minister,
Government of Punjab,
Chandigarh.

SUBJECT: Protest against shifting bank accounts of Education department to HSDFC Bank:

Sir,

I may record my protest against the decision of Education Minister, who has signed an MOU with HDFC Bank for shifting bank accounts of Teachers from State Bank of India to the said HFDC Bank. The decision is most unfortunate. As a Minister of the State Government, it is the duty of Education Minister to strengthen the position of Public Sector Banks. If other departments of State Government, and also those of Central Government, and the Boards and Corporation, follow the precedent set up by Punjab Education Minister, that would result into a serious blow to the financial position of the Public Sector Banks/Government Banks. I wonder as to why, and in the interest of Students of Government Schools, the Education Minister has not signed any MOU with some prominent private school managements to shift students from Government Schools to such prominent private schools? Definitely, private schools can provide better quality of education to students than the Government Schools. Such decision by Education Minister smacks of favouritism, besides being actuated by considerations other than public

interest. The people of Punjab are entitled to know from the Education Minister, as to what special concessions or benefits have been extended to account holder employees of Education Department by HDFC, which the Public Sector Banks, or State Bank of India, were not capable of extending, or were not ready to extend. Such policy decision should not have been taken by Education Minister, without concurrence of Hon'ble Chief Minister. Such an arbitrary decision requires to be withdrawn without further delay.

I would, therefore, call upon you to direct the Education Minister to reconsider his decision, in public interest.

Soliciting prompt consideration.

Yours Sincerely,

(HARI CHAND)

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