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## **PUNJAB & HARYANA HIGH COURT**

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To,

1. Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab, Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh.
2. Education Secretary, Government of Punjab, Department of School Education, Mini Secretariat, Sector-9, Chandigarh.

**Subject:- Appeal against proposed mass/general transfers of the teachers during the Corona crisis.**

### **Through E-mail**

Dear Sirs,

Kindly refer to above.

In this context, I may submit that the State of Punjab is in serious grip of COVID-19. Hundreds of new patients testing Corona positive are adding to the tally of such Corona positive persons in the State of Punjab. The total number of Corona positive persons in the State of Punjab has already exceeded 1100. A number of Districts in the State of Punjab have been declared Red Zones. The number of such Red Zones is increasing day by day. For instance, Amritsar District has been declared as Red Zone yesterday on account of addition of more than 200 Corona positive people who have returned from Maharashtra. There are strict instructions against movement of individuals and the vehicles, and even against the opening of offices, including Government offices in various Zones, particularly in Red Zones and the containment areas comprised therein. The transfer of the Government employees, particularly the teachers from one place to the other in the State of Punjab would therefore, be highly insensitive and inhuman. It may also be appreciated that all the Educational Institutions in the State of Punjab stand closed and attempt is being made to impart online teaching/education to the students. In such a situation, the transfer of the teachers from one place to another cannot be said to be in administrative exigencies of the State Government. On the other hand, such transfer would increase the risk of

COVID-19 to the Government Teachers on account of their compulsory movement from one school to other.

I would therefore, call upon you to defer any such proposal to transfer the Government employees, particularly Government Teachers from one place to another at this stage in the overall interest of the State and its citizens.

Needless to state that in case any order effecting general transfers/mass transfers of the Government employees, particularly the teachers in the State of Punjab, is issued, notwithstanding the instant representation, in that event, I shall be left with no other alternative except to approach the Hon'ble High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh through a PIL for seeking redressal of legitimate grievance mentioned above.

Meanwhile, please acknowledge receipt of this representation.

Yours sincerely

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