

REGISTERED



**GOVERNMENT OF THE PUNJAB
SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT**

ORDER

No. LO(Writ)13-04/2026, WHEREAS, Abaid Ullah S/o Rasheed Ahmad, resident of Al-Madina Town, Daharanwala, Tehsil Chistian, District Bahawalnagar ("the Petitioner"), filed Writ Petition No. 1608/2026 before the Lahore High Court, Bahawalpur Bench, Bahawalpur, which was disposed of vide order dated 24.03.2026 with the direction to the Secretary, Special Education Department, to decide the Petitioner's pending representation through a reasoned order, strictly in accordance with law, after affording an opportunity of hearing to all concerned, without conferring any vested right.

2. **AND WHEREAS**, in compliance with the aforesaid directions, the Petitioner was afforded an opportunity of personal hearing. Although he initially failed to appear on 29.04.2026, he subsequently appeared on 06.05.2026 and was heard in detail. During the hearing, the Petitioner reiterated the stance taken in Writ Petition and *inter alia* stated that thirty (30) posts of Educator (BS-16) were advertised through the Punjab Public Service Commission (PPSC) vide Advertisement No. 21/2023. The written examination was conducted by PPSC on 14.07.2024, and the result thereof was declared on 02.08.2024. Subsequently, PPSC issued its final recommendations for twenty-nine (29) candidates on 10.12.2024. The recruitment process, however, remained stalled due to the pendency of Writ Petition No. 76602/2024, which was eventually withdrawn on 27.05.2025. Thereafter, offer letters were issued to twenty-nine (29) candidates on 23.06.2025, and appointment orders were subsequently issued to twenty-two (22) candidates on 18.09.2025. Consequent upon this, the first revised merit list was published by PPSC, and seven (07) additional candidates were recommended on 11.11.2025, out of whom offer letters were issued to six (06) candidates on 20.01.2026. However, on 28.01.2026, Mr. Muhammad Ashfaq Raza, selected under the Special Persons Quota, declined to join, resulting in the occurrence of a vacancy. The Petitioner contends that despite submission of a representation dated 09.02.2026, and subsequent communication from PPSC dated 17.02.2026 advising him to approach the Administrative Department, no second revised recommendation has been sought from PPSC to fill the said vacancy, which continues to remain unfilled. Lastly, the Petitioner requested that the Administrative Department may be pleased to take up the matter with the Punjab Public Service Commission (PPSC) for issuance of second revised recommendations against the resultant vacancy under the Special Persons Quota, and to consider his candidature strictly in accordance with merit and applicable rules/policy.

3. **AND WHEREAS**, the record reflects that the recruitment process for the posts of Educator (BS-16) was conducted by PPSC in accordance with the prescribed procedure, and recommendations were issued from time to time against the advertised posts. It is also matter of record that certain vacancies have arisen due to non-joining of recommended candidates, including one post under the Special Persons Quota, and it has also been contended that some posts under open merit may have remained unfilled. It is settled that the preparation, operation, and revision of merit lists, as well as issuance of any subsequent or revised recommendations, fall within the exclusive statutory domain of PPSC, to be exercised strictly in accordance with its governing rules, policies, and regulations, including those relating to the validity period of

recommendations/merit lists. The Administrative Department does not have the authority to *suo motu* alter, extend, or supplement the recommendations issued by PPSC.

4. **AND WHEREAS**, it is further observed that the recruitment process has previously been subject to judicial scrutiny, and any further action in the matter must be undertaken with due regard to the pendency of litigation and the effect of any subsisting orders, including stay orders, passed by the Hon'ble Lahore High Court. At the same time, while the Petitioner does not acquire any indefeasible right to appointment merely on account of the occurrence of a vacancy, his grievance regarding non-consideration against a subsequently arisen vacancy merits due consideration in accordance with law through the competent forum.

5. **NOW THEREFORE**, in view of the foregoing, the representation of the Petitioner is hereby **disposed of**. Section Officer (Estt-I), Special Education Department is directed to take up the matter with the Punjab Public Service Commission (PPSC) for consideration of issuance of second revised recommendations against (i) the vacancy arising under the Special Persons Quota, and (ii) any posts under open merit, *if remaining unfilled*, strictly in accordance with the applicable laws, rules, and regulations of PPSC. The PPSC may also be requested that while considering the case, due regard be given to the validity of the merit list/recommendations, as well as the impact of litigation remained pending in this matter, the stay order granted by the Hon'ble Lahore High Court and time spent during the litigation. It is clarified that this order shall not be construed as conferring any vested right of appointment upon the Petitioner, and the matter shall be processed strictly on merits in accordance with law/rules/policy/applicable regulations. The order dated 24.03.2026 passed by the Hon'ble Lahore High Court, Bahawalpur Bench, Bahawalpur in Writ Petition No. 1608/2026 is complied with accordingly.

(SHOAIB IQBAL SYED)
SECRETARY

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SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT/
RESPONDENT NO. 1

Dated Lahore, the
May 18th /2026

No. & Date Even:

A copy is forwarded for information and necessary action to the:-

1. Assistant Registrar (Writ), Lahore High Court, Bahawalpur Bench, in compliance with order dated 24.03.2026 passed in Writ Petition No. 1608/2026.
2. Director General, Special Education, Punjab, Lahore.
3. PS to Secretary Punjab Public Service Commission.
4. Petitioner concerned / **Abaid Ullah** S/o Rasheed Ahmad, resident of Al-Madina Town, Daharanwala, Tehsil Chistian, District Bahawalnagar.
5. PS to Secretary Special Education Department.

SECTION OFFICER (ESTT-I)
SPECIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT