

## **Nod to Haryana on teachers transfer policy**

The Punjab and Haryana High Court on Monday, allowed the Haryana government to implement its school teachers' transfer policy in "all fairness and transparency."

Directions came from the court headed by Justice Rajiv Narain Raina after hearing clarifications submitted by the state government about its policy.

During the hearing of a petition filed by Anju Bala and others, additional advocate general Lokesh Sinhal expressed state government's difficulty in implementation of a part of last court order in the case as the education department was unable to proceed further regarding posting and transfers in schools after having adopted the zoning policy and dividing Haryana into seven zones. The counsel also clarified the transfer policy to the court. Considering this, the court withdrew its direction that the education department would only pass the final transfer orders after collecting the data about those teachers who had completed 5 years at a particular schools and the number of deemed vacancies.

The court also ordered that those teachers who have not been put in a position to exercise their options for transfer may do so by Wednesday. The court also ordered that in case the petitioners or any other teachers have any difficulty regarding the policy in future, they may approach the education department.