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TET-pass teachers ask state govt to begin recruitment

Members of the TET-Pass Unemployed B Ed Teachers' Union, Punjab, today held a meeting at Teachers' Home and announced to launch an agitation if the government failed to prepare a merit list and recruit teachers for all 6,050 master cadre posts for which an examination was held in July this year.

On June 11, the Bathinda police cane-charged members of the Teacher Eligibility Test-Pass Unemployed B Ed Teachers' Union, who blocked the Bathinda-Mansa road as part of their state-level protest.

Earlier, during their protest in May in Bathinda, an eight-month-old daughter of one of the protesters died following which the district administration pacified the protesters by promising them of fixing their meeting with Chief Minister Parkash Singh Badal on May 16.

However, the meeting was not convened then but later the government convinced the members and conducted the test for about 6,050 posts advertised in December last year.

The protesting teachers had then claimed that lakhs of highly-qualified teachers were unemployed in the state while the state government was misleading them as well as the public through advertisements for recruitment for 1.2 lakh vacant posts in the Education Department.

They had alleged that the government's approach towards the recruitment procedure was lackadaisical.

They maintained that the government advertised for only 6,050 posts against around 40,000 posts lying vacant. The government had earned around Rs 60 crore by conducting the TET again and again, they said.

Manjinder Singh, state general secretary of the TET-Pass B Ed Unemployed Teachers Union, said, "We held a meeting today at Teachers' Home. We only want that the government should recruit teachers before the implementation of the code of conduct. The test for these posts was held in July this year, however, the result was declared after a month. We will launch an agitation in case the government tries to befool us this time again by not filling these posts. The DGSE (Mohali) has ensured us to begin the process of recruitment soon."