

Unemployed teachers' meeting with Badal remains unfruitful



The protesting Elementary Teachers Training (ETT) Teachers' Eligibility Test (TET) pass unemployed teachers' meeting with Punjab chief minister Parkash Singh Badal remained unfruitful for unemployed teachers on Sunday

The unemployed teachers are protesting from last seven days at Jai Singh Wala village from atop water tank on Bathinda-Badal road. The district administration had arranged a meeting of protesters with the chief minister on Sunday.

A member of five member committee of ETT TET Pass unemployed Teachers' Union (ETPUTU) Amarjeet Kamboj said that the chief minister disagreed to their demand to increase the posts of elementary teachers from 4500 to 8500.

Kamboj said, "The CM denied to increase the posts, but offered us to announce new recruitment for the remaining posts, but we denied that offer. The reason behind it is that many of our companions will get overage before the announcement of new recruitment."

Kamboj added that these teachers were eligible when they applied for these 4500 posts, so the government should increase the posts in the present recruitment process by issuing refinement letter.

Another member of five-member committee of ETPUTU Kamal Thakur from Gurdaspur said that more than one thousand candidates from other states have applied in general category for these posts and those are being considered along with Punjab residents.

The government have not declared any policy or reserve quota for other state candidates whereas the neighboring state Haryana allows only 5% candidates from all other states.

Kamal told that at the time of applying for the job, their residenship status was asked from the candidates, but at the time of counseling, authorities did not ask about the residence certificates from candidates.

Kamal added that the government should announce a fix quota for candidates belonging to other states, so that the rights of Punjab resident candidates would not be affected.