

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

Civil Writ Petition No. 9696 of 2014(O&M)

Date of Decision: October 8 , 2015.

Ajit Singh

..... PETITIONER (s)

Versus

Union of India and others

..... RESPONDENT (s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Pradeep Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Vivek Singla, Senior Panel Counsel
for the respondents.

1. Whether reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?
2. To be referred to the reporters or not?
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the digest?

LISA GILL, J.

Petitioner joined as Driver at ECHS Polyclinic, Una (Himachal Pradesh) on 04.03.2004 on contractual basis initially for a period of one year. Thereafter, contract between the parties has been renewed from time to time. As per the latest contract, Annexure P1, the term of appointment of the petitioner comes to an end on 04.03.2014. Said contract was entered into at Una in the State of Himachal Pradesh.

Learned counsel for the respondents submits that though this

objection has not specifically been raised in the written statement, present writ petition is not maintainable before this Court for lack of territorial jurisdiction. Reliance is placed on judgment dated 30.06.2015 passed in CWP No.6314 of 2014 (Ex. Dr. Gurdial Singh v. Union of India and others) and other connected matters whereby writ petitions filed by similarly situated persons have been dismissed for want of territorial jurisdiction.

Learned counsel for the petitioner is unable to deny the abovesaid position. It is however prayed that the petitioner be afforded liberty to approach the Court of competent jurisdiction for redressal of his grievance.

Consequently, present writ petition is dismissed for lack of territorial jurisdiction however with liberty as aforesaid to the petitioner.

October 8, 2015.
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(**LISA GILL**)
JUDGE