

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

**Civil Writ Petition No. 17031 of 2015 (O&M)  
Date of Decision: 19.10.2016**

Dr. Amit Kumar Sidhu and others

..... Petitioners

**Versus**

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH**

Present: Mr. Sunil K. Nehra, Advocate  
for the petitioners.

Mr. Harkesh Manuja, Additional Advocate General, Punjab  
for respondent Nos. 1 & 2/State.

Mr. Anil Kumar Sharma, Advocate and  
Mr. Ajay Pal Singh, Advocate  
for respondent No. 3-National Rural Health Mission.

None for respondent No. 4.

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**JASWANT SINGH, J. (ORAL)**

The petitioners, thirty-six (36) in number, are working on contractual basis as Ayurvedic Medical Officers under a Scheme floated by National Rural Health Mission/respondent No. 3; they were engaged commencing from the period from 2008 to 2010 and stated to be continued till today.

Prayer made by the petitioners is only for quashing the order dated 03.08.2015 (**Annexure P-6**) whereby their dates of annual increment have been changed from 01.04.2015 to 01.08.2015, thereby causing a loss in the salary for a period of four months to the petitioners.

Upon notice, a short reply has been filed by the contesting respondent No. 3. In the reply, it is stated that the impugned orders have since been withdrawn vide order dated 11.02.2016 (**Annexure R-3/1**), and a conscious decision has been taken that all the employees/petitioners will be granted annual increment with effect from 1st April of each year.

Learned counsel for the parties are agreed that in view of the stand as reflected in the written statement, nothing survives for adjudication in the present writ petition.

In view of above, the present petition stands dismissed as infructuous.

**October 19, 2016**

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**( JASWANT SINGH )  
JUDGE**

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| Whether Speaking/reasoned | Yes |
| Whether Reportable        | No  |