

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

Sr. No.123

CWP No.320 of 2016

Date of decision: 08.01.2016

Rajinder Kumar Arora and others

....Petitioners

versus

State of Haryana and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present: Mr. Jitender Nara, Advocate
for the petitioners.

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DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (Oral)

Notice of motion.

Mr. Harish Rathee, Senior DAG, Haryana, who is present in Court, on the asking of the Court accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

The petitioners are working as Assistant Professors in the Colleges of State of Haryana. They have been assigned election duty as Presiding Officers during Panchayati Raj Elections to be held in the State of Haryana on 10.01.2016, 17.01.2016 and 24.01.2016. They have no objection to the performance of duties assigned. However, their grievance is that persons, who are drawing lesser pay than the petitioners, have been assigned duties which are higher in hierarchy. The hierarchy has been so given in para No.6 of the petition. The same is extracted below:-

- “1. Returning Officers
2. Sector Magistrate/Duty Magistrate;
3. Supervisor;
4. Micro Observer;
5. Presiding Officer;
6. Alternate Presiding Officers;
7. Polling Officers.”

It is stated that persons drawing less pay than the petitioners have been assigned duties of Supervisors, ignoring their claim. A representation dated 04.01.2016 (Annexure P-9) has been made by the petitioners to respondent No.3, but the same remains undecided.

Today, since the elections are scheduled for 10.01.2016, counsel for the petitioners does not press the present petition qua the election process on that date. However, he presses the petition with regard to the election duties assigned to the petitioners for 17.01.2016 and 24.01.2016.

Considering the grievance of the petitioners, in my opinion, the present petition can be disposed of at this stage with a direction to respondent No.3 with regard to petitioners No.1 to 10 and respondent No.4 with regard to petitioners No.11 and 12 to sort out the grievances of the petitioners within a period of two days from the date of receipt of a certified copy of the order.

Disposed of accordingly.

(DEEPAK SIBAL)
JUDGE

January 08, 2016
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