

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

CWP No.21694 of 2017 (O&M)

Date of decision:22.09.2017

Guljit Kaur & others

... Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab & others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present: Mr. Madhav Pokhrel, Advocate for the petitioners.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.

Petitioners seek the benefit of regularization in service.

Case set up is that the petitioners, who were initially engaged as Multipurpose Health Workers (Female)/ANM in the year 2008 were subsequently adjusted against vacant posts under the Scheme of 2211-Head, which is a State cadre having sanctioned posts sponsored by the Central Government in the respondent/Health and Family Welfare Department, State of Punjab.

Learned counsel representing the petitioners would contend that the initial engagement of the petitioners was in pursuance to a transparent and regular selection process and the petitioners had possessed the essential qualifications stipulated in the advertisement issued at that point of time and which are *para-materia* to the statutory Rules framed thereafter i.e. the Punjab Health and Family Welfare Technical (Group-C) Service Rules, 2016.

It is contended that the claim of the petitioners seeking regularization would be covered in terms of Section 3 of the Punjab Ad hoc, Contractual, Daily Wage, Temporary, Work-charged and Outsourced Employees Welfare Act, 2016.

Without commenting on the merits of the claim set up, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the writ petition with a direction to respondent No.2 i.e. the Director, Health Services (Family Welfare), Punjab to examine the claim of the petitioners strictly in accordance with law and to take a final decision on the legal notice dated 13.07.2017 (Annexure P-7) i.e. stated to have already been served within a period of six months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

Disposed of.

22.09.2017

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

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| (i) Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes |
| (ii) Whether Reportable? | No |