

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP No.24210 of 2017(O&M)
Date of Decision: 31.10.2017

Dr. Harinder Kaur

--Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

--Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. A.K. Walia, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. T.P.S. Chawla, D.A.G., Punjab.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.J

Pleadings on record indicate that a complaint dated 21.6.2017 (Annexure P-1) had been made by the petitioner while serving as Medical Officer under the Department of Health & Family Welfare, State of Punjab against private respondent no.3, who was serving as Senior Medical Officer. Counsel would submit that the allegations in the complaint amount to '**sexual harassment**' under the relevant provisions of the Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013 (herein after to be referred as the 2013 Act).

The short prayer in the instant petition is for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus for directing respondent no.2 i.e. the Civil Surgeon, Jalandhar to act upon the complaint.

On the last date of hearing i.e. 26.10.2017 learned State had been requested to complete instructions in the matter.

Learned State counsel on instructions from Dr. Manav Parkash Midha, Medical Officer/Nodal Officer, Civil Surgeon Office, Jalandhar, apprises the Court that an Internal Complaints Committee is now seized of

the matter and has even afforded a personal hearing to the petitioner on 30.10.2017.

Since the matter is already under consideration and examination under the appropriate authority constituted under the 2013 Act, no further directions are required to be passed.

Present petition, as such, is disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

31.10.2017

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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No