

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

CWP-13843-2015

Date of Decision: March 19, 2018

Manju Dhanda

...Petitioner

Versus

Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI

Present: Mr. Vikram Jeet Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajender Singh Rana, Advocate,
for the respondents.

ARUN PALLI, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner prays for a direction to the respondents to grant her the minimum basic pay and Dearness Allowance etc., in the regular pay scale, as awarded to other regular employees of the respondent University, on the principle of "equal pay for equal work".

In paragraph No. 4 of the preliminary objections raised by the respondents in their written statement, it is revealed that the petitioner had, in fact, resigned from service on 19.11.2012, which was duly accepted by the Vice-Chancellor, and the present petition has since been filed three years thereafter. This position has not been controverted by the petitioner by filing replication or any counter affidavit, despite opportunities. Even today, on being pointedly asked, learned counsel for the petitioner pleads ignorance.

That being so, the stand set out in the written statement by the respondents is deemed to have been admitted. Needless to assert that once

the petitioner is no longer in service, and no relationship of employer and employee exists between the parties, the relief being claimed in the petition, is wholly misconceived.

The petition is accordingly dismissed.

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

March 19, 2018

P Kapoor

Whether Speaking/Reasoned: YES / NO
Whether Reportable: YES / NO