

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

CWP No.17328 of 2017 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 05.09.2018

Soniya and others

.....Petitioners

Vs.

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RITU BAHRI

Present:- Ms.Amrita Nagpal, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Mr.Gaurav Jindal, Addl.A.G.Haryana.

RITU BAHRI, J. (ORAL)

Petitioners are seeking directions to the respondents to allow them to continue in service as Extension Lecturers till regular appointments are made and for quashing the practice of the respondents to relieve the petitioners during the vacations and further direction to the respondents to grant them minimum scale prescribed by UGC and salary of the vacation period.

Petitioners are working as Extension Lecturers and they are being paid @ Rs.250/- per lecture and maximum of Rs.18,000/- per month. They are seeking directions to the respondents that they may be paid Rs.1000/- per lecture to a maximum of Rs.25,000/- as per UGC notification dated 05.02.2010. They are seeking the abovesaid benefit on account of guidelines dated 20.07.2017 (Annexure P-2) which have been issued for engaging the Assistant Lecturers/Extension Lecturers on temporary/contract basis.

Respondents have filed written statements and taken a stand that

all the petitioners are not possessing the requisite qualification of Assistant Professor prescribed under the Rules. For the appointment to the post of Assistant Professors/Extension Lecturers one must have possessed Ph.D or NET in the relevant subjects and they have referred to the guidelines dated 20.07.2017 (Annexure R-3) whereby, only such persons shall be engaged as extension lecturers who fulfill the qualification prescribed under the Service Rules. Keeping in view the abovesaid rules, all the petitioners will be liable to be relieved from their services. This aspect has been considered by this Court in CWP No.16975 of 2014 titled Rita Tandon v/s State of Haryana (Annexure R-4).

The present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents that the petitioners who are working as Extension Lecturers can only be relieved if a regular selected candidate is joined or qualified Assistant Professor who has done Ph.D or NET who is fit for joining. In case, regular and qualified is not joined, the petitioners will continue to work and they shall be paid Rs.25,000/- per month in view of the direction given by this Court in the case of Rita Tandon (supra).

Disposed of accordingly.

(RITU BAHRI)
JUDGE

05.09.2018
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Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether reportable Yes/No