

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

Date of Decision:-27.07.2018

CWP No.16590 of 2018

Kamlesh Devi.

.....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab & Ors.

.....Respondents.

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CWP No.16655 of 2018

Surinder Kaur.

.....Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab & Ors.

.....Respondents.

AND

CWP No.16696 of 2018

Paramjit Singh Mago & Anr.

.....Petitioners.

Versus

State of Punjab & Ors.

.....Respondents.

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH.

Present:- Mr. Karan Singla, Advocate for the Petitioners
(in all Writ Petitions).

JASWANT SINGH, J.(ORAL)

Vide this common order, I shall dispose of the aforementioned
three writ petitions, which involve common questions of facts and law.

Petitioners in the aforesaid three writ petitions are the
employees of the Department of Water Resources Punjab working on

various posts. They are primarily aggrieved against their transfer on deputation to a newly restructured Department of Mines and Geology.

The common grievances raised are the apprehension of delay in disbursement of salaries, shifting from their cities of existing postings in violation of the Transfer Policy and delay in release of pensionary benefits etc.

State through Mrs. Anu Chatrath Kapoor, Senior Advocate, Additional Advocate General, Punjab assisted by Mrs. Anju Sharma Kaushik, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab was requested to look into the projected grievances of the Petitioners.

At the time of resumed hearing today, State Counsel assisted by Mr. A.S. Bedi, XEN/Mining filed a short affidavit dated 26.7.2018 of Sh. Vinod Chaudhary, Chief Engineer Mines and Geology Department in Court today which is taken on record.

Copy of the same furnished to the counsel for the Petitioners.

In the affidavit it is stated that a meeting of Special Committee constituted for the aforesaid purposes was held on 13.7.2018 and following decisions have been taken:-

- (i) *Women employees, as well as employees who are physically handicapped and employees who are due to retire on attaining the age of superannuation from their services in the next one to two years, will be given preference for adjustment at nearby places.*
- (ii) *One officer will be appointed as Nodal Officer for ensuring submission of Pension Papers and release of Pensionary Benefits in time.*
- (iii) *The requisite budget for disbursement of salaries shall be arranged by Mines and Geology Department at the earliest and till that time the pay of all the employees shall be drawn from Water Resources Department.*
- (iv) *Regarding infrastructure all the Deputy Commissioners of the State have been requested to provide the requisite office accommodation in District Administrative*

Complex.

- (v) *Above all, the Government has decided to constitute a committee headed by Secretary cum Director Mining and Geology Department and Chief Engineer/Mining and Geology and State Geologist as its members to look into the grievances of the employees and take immediate action to resolve them.*

Learned Additional Advocate General, Punjab in view of the above states that the apprehensions of the petitioners have been taken care of by the Government.

In view of the above, this Court feels that no further adjudication is required as it is the prerogative of the employer to assign different duties keeping in view the public interest. The projected difficulties have been sufficiently taken care of.

Disposed of in view of the stand of the State.

However, petitioners are required to join at their ordered place of posting failing which they may make themselves liable for initiation of disciplinary proceedings.

(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE

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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>