

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

CWP-(PIL)-4847-2018 (O&M)
Date of decision:- 20.12.2018

Paramedical and Health Employees Front, Punjab
...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others
...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KRISHNA MURARI, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI

Present:- Ms. Arti, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

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KRISHNA MURARI, C.J. (ORAL)

Notice of motion to respondents No. 1 to 3 only at this stage.

Ms. Monica Chhibbar Sharma, learned Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 3. Copies furnished.

In the nature of the order we propose to pass in this petition, no formal affidavits/written statements are indeed necessary at this stage.

And with the consent of learned counsel for the parties the petition is being disposed of finally.

The petitioner-association that purports to have approached this Court in public interest prays for a writ in the nature of mandamus commanding respondents No. 1 to 3 to complete the process of verification of documents/certificates of persons who have got themselves registered as pharmacists with the Punjab State Pharmacy Council in the State of Punjab with effect from the year 2000-2013 on the basis of fake and forged certificates.

2. The grievance of the petitioner-association is that despite repeated representations/complaints to the respondent-

authorities, no tangible result has emerged, whereas pursuant to the decision of the State Government, the official respondents were required to complete the process of verification by 2016. During the course of hearing, learned counsel for the petitioner has also produced before us a letter dated 10.12.2018 issued by the Director, Research & Medical Education, Punjab to the Registrar, Punjab State Pharmacy Council, whereby it was advised to stop the ongoing process of elections of Punjab Pharmacy Council till the final decision regarding registration of persons based on bogus certificates is arrived at. The copy of the said letter is retained on record as mark 'A' and copy thereof has been furnished to learned State counsel.

3. In response, learned State counsel submits that let this petition be disposed of at this stage only with a direction to the respondent-authorities to look into the grievance of the petitioner-association and decide their representations/complaints that are alleged to have been submitted within a specified time.

4. In the wake of the above and without examining the matter on merits, we dispose of this petition with a direction to respondents No. 1 to 3 to deal with the grievance of the petitioner-association as also the representations/complaints that it alleges to have furnished/submitted to the respondents within a period of three weeks from today and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law after affording an opportunity of hearing to all the stakeholders.

(KRISHNA MURARI)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

20.12.2018
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whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
whether reportable	Yes/No