

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

LPA No.848 of 2019(O&M)

Date of decision: 03.05.2019

Meena Rani

... Appellant

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Amrik Singh, Advocate, for the appellant.

KRISHNA MURARI, C.J. (Oral)

This intra-court appeal under Clause X of the Letters Patent is directed against the judgment and order dated 18.03.2019 passed by the learned Single Judge dismissing the writ petition filed by appellant herein.

The writ petition was filed seeking a certiorari for quashing the appointment of respondents No.4 & 5 on the ground that they have been illegally appointed on contractual basis. A further direction was also prayed for to the respondents to appoint the petitioner on the post of Lecturer in Computer Science.

Undisputedly, the petitioner has worked for some considerable period as Lecturer History in Government College, Ropar, which came to an end in the year 2013. Subsequently, an advertisement was issued for walk-in-interview for appointment on the post of Guest Faculty Lecturers, which was conducted on 25.10.2018. Admittedly, the appellant-petitioner could not clear the walk-in-interview. The sole basis of claiming appointment and challenge to the appointment of respondents No.4 & 5 is based on some

recommendation letter stated to have been issued by the Principal of Government College, Ropar to the DPI (Colleges), Punjab.

Learned Single Judge has non-suited the petitioner on the ground that the recommendation was made in a personal capacity and, thus, has no binding effect. In our considered opinion also no appointment can be offered to anybody on the basis of any such recommendation, as it would be violative of Article 14 of the Constitution of India. If this practice is permitted, any person after obtaining a recommendation from any authority can come forward for appointment. Admittedly, the appellant-petitioner failed in walk-in-interview, and he cannot be allowed to appointed on the basis of a recommendatory letter issued to him. Learned Single Judge has rightly dismissed the writ petition and we find no infirmity in the order impugned. Accordingly, the appeal stands dismissed.

(Krishna Murari)
Chief Justice

(Arun Palli)
Judge

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Whether speaking / reasoned:	YES
Whether Reportable:	NO