

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 13893 of 2019

Date of Decision: 19.08.2019

Raj Kiran Kaur

...Petitioner

Vs.

District and Session Judge, Jalandhar

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAJIV NARAIN RAINA

Present: Mr. S.K. Bhardwaj, Advocate for
Mr. Deepak Kumar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

RAJIV NARAIN RAINA, J. (Oral)

I see no reason to interfere with the impugned order disengaging the petitioner from ad-hoc service while declining the request for maternity leave for 180 days as such leave would not be admissible in the present scenario where the retrenched steno-typist was engaged on special permission of the High Court for exigencies of administration and to take care of the need of the hour for smooth functioning of the Sessions Court at Jalandhar. Her services have been terminated within few days of the appointment vide order dated 05.03.2019.

The petitioner cannot claim maternity leave as a matter of right as an *ad-hoc* appointee in a purely stop gap arrangement. If she was permitted to proceed on the maternity leave for 180 days then it would defeat the very purpose of the appointment.

For the reasons mentioned above, I would not interfere in this matter and would dismiss the petition.

19.08.2019
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(RAJIV NARAIN RAINA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No