

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

Civil Writ Petition No. 19070 of 2019(O&M)
Date of Decision : 10.09.2019

Rajpal Singh

... Petitioner

versus

Vice Chancellor, Panjab University, Chandigarh & Ors.

... Respondents

CORAM:-HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present: Mr. D.P.S. Bajwa, Advocate
for the petitioner.

ARUN MONGA, J(ORAL)

CWP-12552-CWP-2019

For the reasons stated in the application, the same is allowed. Prayer for recalling the order dated 14.08.2019 is allowed. Main case is restored to its original number.

The same is taken up on Board today itself.

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1. *Inter alia*, issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* has been sought by the petitioner commanding the respondents to reimburse him the full/differential amount of Leave Travel Concession(LTC). The petitioner claims that the respondent University has illegally deducted 50% of the amount from his air fare, at the time of reimbursement, which was originally borne by him.

2. I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner and have perused the contents of the writ petition along with annexures appended thereto, particularly, order dated 05.09.2018(Annexure P-9) vide which part claim of the petitioner has been reimbursed. The writ petition deserves to be dismissed as cogent and sound reasons have been given in the order dated 05.09.2018.

3. The Registrar of the University, while rejecting the claim of the

petitioner, has rightly observed that in order to economize the expenditure of University on LTC, the University had taken a policy decision to allow air travel only under certain sub categories i.e Economy Tourist(T) and Economy Standard (S), which are most economical/ cheapest. The said decision was taken vide an office Memo No. 10565-10765 dated 03.12.2013 read with Rules 1.64(b) contained in Panjab University Calendar-III(2016) page 175 and Rule 1.71(V) page 182 respectively. The said decision is reproduced hereineblow for ready reference:-

(a) Leave Travel Concession	Entitlement
Travelling by Air (Air India) Grade Pay Rs.7600 and Exceeding Rs.5400/- to Rs.7599	By Air Economy Tourist/ Standard Class (T&S) By Air in Economy Tourist/ Standard Class (T&S) with the condition that the one way distance will be more than 500 kms

(b) The entitled employees shall travel by Air India Carrier with cheapest economy class defined in rule 1.64(b) through shortest and direct route only and no relaxation is allowed in this regard. LTC 80 air fare for University employees is not applicable.”

4. The above decision taken by the University has not been challenged by the petitioner herein. I am of the view that no interference is called for in exercise of extra writ jurisdiction vested under Article 226 of the Constitution of India.

5. The writ petition is dismissed.

10.09.2019

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1. Whether speaking/ reasoned:
2. Whether reportable:

(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

- Yes/ No
- Yes/ No