

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

**CWP-15249-2017 (O&M)  
Date of Decision:04.04.2019**

Neelam Bala Mahindru

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & others

... Respondents

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.**

Present: Mr. Nitin Verma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Hittan Nehra, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

Mr. Sameer Sachdeva, Advocate for respondents No.3 & 4.

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**TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL)**

Brief facts of the case and which are not in dispute are that the petitioner who possesses the qualification of M.A., M.Phil./Ph.D. was duly selected as a Lecturer in a Government aided college i.e. Dev Samaj College for Women, Ferozepur and joined on the post on 23.08.1986. She worked as such till 30.09.1992. Having resigned from the post of Lecturer from Dev Samaj College For Women, Ferozepur and having applied through proper channel, petitioner joined as Lecturer on a government aided post in Kanya Maha Vidyalaya w.e.f. 01.10.1992. She continues to serve in Kanya Maha Vidyalaya till date. It is apposite to take note that there was no break in service of the petitioner.

Claim raised in the instant petition is that the petitioner be granted the senior/selection/Associate Professor grade by taking into reckoning the previous six years service rendered by her in Dev Samaj College for Women, Ferozepur. Petitioner is aggrieved of an order dated

25.05.2015 passed by DPI Colleges and in terms of which her pay has been refixed by ignoring her previous service rendered in Dev Samaj College for Women, Ferozepur.

Counsel for the petitioner contends that identical issue already stands dealt with by a Coordinate Bench of this Court in **CWP-5615-2001** titled as **Dr. Mahesh Chander & others Vs. State of Punjab & others** decided on 10.03.2016 (Annexure P-4) and as such the claim of the petitioner would be squarely covered in terms of such judgment.

Mr. Sameer Sachdeva, learned counsel representing respondents No.3 and 4 fairly concedes that the claim of the petitioner is indeed covered under judgment referred to herein above at Annexure P-4.

Even learned State counsel has not been able to rebut the claim set up by the petitioner and as such dealt with by the Coordinate Bench in the case of **Dr. Mahesh Chander (supra)**.

In view of the above, writ petition is allowed.

Directions are issued to the respondents to grant and release to her financial benefits by counting her previous service rendered w.e.f. 23.08.1986 till 30.09.1992 with Dev Samaj College for Women, Ferozepur.

Writ petition is allowed.

**04.04.2019**

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)**  
**JUDGE**

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| i)  | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable?        | Yes/No |