

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

CRWP No. 5520 of 2020
Date of decision: 04.08.2020.

Harminder Kaur Petitioner.

Versus

State of Punjab and others Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Impinder Singh Dhaliwal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Sr. DAG, Punjab, for respondents No. 1 to 3.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioner is seeking a direction to the official respondents to protect her life and liberty, as she is being harassed and humiliated by respondent No. 5 at the behest of respondent No. 4.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that respondents No.4 and 5 are harassing and humiliating the petitioner and, therefore, her life and liberty be protected from them.

Heard.

The petitioner is stated to be working as a Block Extension Educator at Community Health Centre (CHC), Lambi. The allegations, which have been levelled against respondents No. 4 and 5, are vague and do not relate to any particular instance as to when they had harassed and humiliated her. The petitioner has referred to various representations (Annexures P4 to

P8) wherein it is vaguely mentioned that respondents No. 4 and 5 are harassing, humiliating and torturing her for the last four-five months. They are ordering her to do work which does not fall within her domain. She has been put on duty to collect the samples of Covid-19 patients, who have been home quarantined. There is no reference to any particular instance or any particular date as to when respondents No. 4 (Senior Medical Officer) and 5 (Multipurpose Health Supervisor) would have harassed and humiliated the petitioner. It is for the superior authorities in the Health Department to decide as to where the officials will be posted and as to which work they will do. Merely because an employee is put on duty to take care of the Covid-19 patients it cannot be construed that the employee is being unduly harassed. Now-a-days, the entire world is facing a challenge of the Covid-19 pandemic and it is expected from all the citizens, especially the front line workers in the Health Department, to rise to the occasion and discharge their duties with utmost responsibility and courage. The employees who would shy away from such a duty would be doing disservice to the nation. In view of the unsubstantiated and vague allegations, I do not find any good ground to issue directions, as prayed for in the instant petition.

Consequently, the petition stands dismissed. It shall, however, be open to the petitioner to seek any remedy available to her under the law.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

04.08.2020
Ramesh

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No