

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

(Proceedings conducted through Video Conference)

CWP No. 10451 of 2020

Date of Decision: 23.7.2020

Romesh Nagpal

---Petitioner

versus

UCO Bank and others

---Respondents

Coram: Hon'ble Mrs. Justice Rekha Mittal

**Present: Mr. Anurag Goyal, Advocate
for the petitioner**

Rekha Mittal, J.

The petitioner prays for issuance of writ in the nature of certiorari for quashing order of transfer dated 6.5.2020 (Annexure P-2) from Ludhiana to Mumbai being arbitrary, unjustified and illogical looking into the present situation of Covid-19 in the State of Maharashtra (specially at Mumbai).

Perusal of averments raised in the petition, prima facie, reveals that petitioner has approached this Court on compassionate grounds and not in view of any legal ground available to him. He has referred to circular dated 25.6.2020 (Annexure P-1) issued by UCO Bank but the same was issued subsequent to his transfer, vide order dated 6.5.2020 (Annexure P-2). The petitioner has already been relieved from his present place of posting i.e. Ludhiana.

Taking into consideration the situation created due to Covid-

19, particularly in the State of Maharashtra (specially at Mumbai), the

present petition stands disposed of with a direction to the respondents to consider case of the petitioner for deferring his joining at Mumbai, keeping in view that petitioner is 59 years old and more vulnerable on account of Covid-19 pandemic. The said decision would be taken by the respondents within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of certified copy of the order.

(Rekha Mittal)
Judge

23.7.2020

PARAMJIT

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : Yes/No