

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-10800-2020

Date of decision: 29.07.2020

Gurpreet Singh

.....Petitioner

versus

The Director Public Instructions (Colleges) and another

....Respondents

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. Sameer Sachdeva, Advocate for the petitioner.

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing on account of lockdown due to outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

Petitioner-Gurpreet Singh, stated to be aged 33 years, has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for issuance of directions to the respondents against their actions in stalling the due approval to the appointment of the petitioner as Clerk against 95% grant in aid post. It is further prayed that direction be issued to the respondents to forthwith accord approval to the appointment of the petitioner as Clerk in pursuance to due selection proceedings dated 15.06.2019 (Annexure P-7) and due verification of academic records vide letter dated 24.02.2020 (Annexure P-12), conducted by the respondents themselves.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Ms. Sudeepti Sharma, Addl. AG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was selected and appointed on 15.06.2019. Since then, till date, he has been continuously discharging his duties as Clerk in the College (respondent No.2). However, the case of approval which was sent to respondent No.1, has not been decided till date. Counsel for the petitioner then submits that for the same/similar grievance, the petitioner has submitted a representation dated 18.03.2020 (Annexure P-17), but no decision has been taken on the same till date.

Without commenting upon merits of the case, the respondents are directed to decide the representation dated 18.03.2020 (Annexure P-17) (considering the fact that the petitioner alleges that since 15.06.2019, he has not been paid his salary), within one month from the date of receipt of copy of the order. In case, the petitioner is found entitled for his dues, the same be paid forthwith as soon as possible, maximum within one month from the date of decision so taken on the above said representation dated 18.03.2020.

Considering the present situation due to COVID-19, learned State counsel and Registry is directed to send the order through e-mail to the concerned authorities for necessary compliance.

Writ petition is disposed of accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

29.07.2020

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No