

**In The High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CWP-12402-2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision:- 21.8.2020

Deepak

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Sandeep Kotla, Advocate, for the petitioner.

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since the proceedings are being conducted in Virtual Court)*

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner has approached this Court seeking issuance of a direction to respondents to reinstate/re-engage the petitioner on the post of Computer Lab Attendant on contractual basis till the post is filled by regular appointment.

The petitioner was initially appointed as a Clerk in the year 2016 on contractual basis and subsequently on 1.10.2018 he was appointed as Computer Lab Attendant and he had been continuing as such but was directed not to come for his duties from 31.3.2020 onwards vide letter dated 31.3.2020 (Annexure P-6).

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that it was mainly on account of spread of pandemic that the services of various employees were dis-continued. Learned counsel has submitted that the now the respondents are contemplating to fill-up the vacant posts and that the petitioner ought to be preferred in case the posts have to be filled up again by contractual employees.

Notice of motion.

At this stage, Mr. Ravinder Budhwar, Addl. A.G. Haryana accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State of Haryana.

Having regard to the facts and circumstances of the case, this Court does not deem it necessary to call for a written reply. The petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents that in case any employee is to be hired on contractual basis as against the post which the petitioner was manning, then a preference be given to the petitioner keeping in view his past engagement provided his conduct and record was satisfactory.

August 21, 2020

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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No