

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

CWP-12933-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision:01.09.2020

Dr. Akshay Pathak & others

... Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab & others

... Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Varun Mittal, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Vikas Mohan Gupta, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.(ORAL).

Matter has been taken up through Video Conferencing via Webex facility in the light of the Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

As per pleadings on record, petitioners herein are qualified Ayurvedic Doctors.

Petitioners were selected and are currently serving as teaching faculty members with the Government Ayurvedic College, Patiala on contractual basis. Petitioners are stated to have been serving as such since June, 2019 till date.

Instant writ petition was filed seeking a mandamus directing the respondent/authorities not to terminate the services of the petitioners. Further directions were issued for release of their salaries w.e.f. the date of their joining.

An advance copy of the petition already stood served upon the State of Punjab.

Mr. Vikas Mohan Gupta, Additional Advocate General, Punjab upon instructions from Dr. D.K. Tiwari, Principal Secretary, Department of Medical Education and Research, Punjab apprises the Court that the services of the petitioners would not be terminated till such time, regular appointees do not join. That apart, learned State counsel informs the Court that salary till December, 2019 would be released positively within a period of 10 days from today. That apart, an undertaking is furnished for the salary for the period of January, 2020 onwards would be released within a period of six weeks from today.

In the light of such categoric stand taken on behalf of the State, nothing survives for adjudication in the instant writ petition and the same is disposed of as infructuous.

01.09.2020*harjeet***(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

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