

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

**CWP No. 13226 of 2017(O&M)
Date of Decision:12.03.2020**

Seema and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present:- Mr. Dalbir Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Kiran Pal Singh, AAG, Haryana.

Mr, Vishal Satija, Advocate for
Mr. Ashe K. Goyal, Advocate for respondent No.3.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA J.(Oral)

Counsel for the parties have been heard.

Petitioners who are three in number were engaged as Extension
Lecturers on contractual basis on 27.07.2016.

Instant writ petition was filed in the year 2017 raising an
apprehension that no process of regular appointment having been initiated,
they be not replaced by a similar contractual arrangement. While issuing
notice of motion on 02.06.2017 interim directions were issued that
petitioners shall continue until and unless regular process of filling up of
posts is initiated.

It is by virtue of the interim order that the petitioners have
continued to serve thereafter.

Counsel for the petitioners apprises the Court that petitioner
No.2 has left of her own accord and has now joined a different College.

Be that as it may as per UGC norms, the petitioners herein are not qualified to hold the post of Extension Lecturers. They neither have Doctorate Degree (Ph.D) or the UGC Net qualification.

In the considered view of this court it would always be open for the respondents authorities to invite applications from eligible candidates for the post of Extension Lecturers so as to replace ineligible persons. As such petitioners herein concededly being ineligible do not have any vested right to continue pursuant to their contractual engagement.

Accordingly interim order dated 02.06.2017 passed by this Court is vacated.

Petition is disposed of.

It would be open for the respondent authorities to even replace petitioners No.1 and 3 either by adopting a procedure to fill up the posts on regular basis or by inviting applications for filling up the posts even on contractual basis from amongst eligible candidates.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

March 12, 2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No