

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

CWP-12600-2021

Date of Decision: 14.07.2021

Ram Rattan and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present: Mr. Sushil Jain, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Saurabh Mohunta, DAG, Haryana.
(Presence marked through Video Conference)

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ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)

Petitioners herein, *inter alia*, seek issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to take a decision on the request submitted by the petitioners before the Grievance Redressal Committee constituted for implementation of online transfer policy for Gram Sachivs 2020 dated 02.06.2020 (Annexure P-1).

The issue in this petition is with regard to implementation of online transfer policy in respect of Gram Sachivs under the Development and Panchayat Department, State of Haryana.

Learned counsel for the petitioners relies on an order passed by a coordinate Bench of this Court vide CWP No.20401 of 2020 decided on 08.04.2021 in which State counsel had given an assurance that final decision would be taken within a period of two weeks.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioners submitted their options in view of the list of vacancies but no action has been taken by the Grievance Redressal Forum. He further submits that impugned action of the respondents transferring the petitioners without considering their applications/requests submitted before the Forum is arbitrary and deserves to be set aside. Hence, the instant petition.

Transfer being matter of administrative exigency, this Court generally refrains to interfere and treads cautiously, unless it is a case of extreme hardship. Transfer is not a punishment but an essential aspect of service, particularly, on a transferable post. No grounds are made out to interfere.

However, writ petition is disposed of with liberty to the petitioners to pursue their representation with the competent authority, in accordance with law.

(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

July 14, 2021
Vandana

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No