

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.11893 of 2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 05.04.2021

Dr. Sikha

... Petitioner

VS.

Chaudhary Bansi Lal University & Ors.

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. D.S. Malik, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Jatin Kaushik, Advocate for
Mr. Nilesh Bhardwaj, Advocate
for respondent Nos. 1 to 3.

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

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

Petitioner-Dr. Sikha has filed the present writ petition *inter alia* with the prayer for quashing the impugned letter dated 10.07.2020 (Annexure P-5) vide which the contract of the petitioner for the Session 2020-21 have not been renewed and along-with other relief mentioned in the civil writ petition.

Learned counsel for the petitioner based upon the pleadings in the petition submit that the respondent-University was established under the Haryana Act No.25 of 2014. In pursuance to the advertisement, the petitioner applied for the post of Assistant Professor (Guest Faculty). The petitioner is stated to have been initially appointed as Assistant Professor in the Department of Journalism and Mass Communications on 03.08.2016.

The case of the petitioner is that she has been working and discharging the

duties sincerely. It is also the pleaded case of the petitioner that thereafter, the post of Assistant Professor (Guest Faculty) were converted into the Post of Assistant Professor on contractual basis. However, when the contract of the petitioner was not renewed after 10.07.2020, she was constrained to file the present writ petition.

Records of the case show that on 19.08.2020, this Court had issued notice of motion.

CM No.4292 of 2021 has been filed *inter alia* with the prayer to prepone the date of hearing and dispose of the same in terms of order dated 25.02.2021 passed in CWP No.10996 of 2020.

Notice of the application.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Jatin Kaushik, Advocate for Mr. Nilesh Bhardwaj, Advocate, accepts notice on behalf of respondents and he has no objection if the present writ petition is disposed of in the same terms as CWP No.10996 of 2020.

For the reasons mentioned in the application, the same is allowed and the main case is taken on board today itself i.e. 05.04.2021.

Without commenting on the merits of the case this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to consider the claim of the petitioner (which the petitioner would submit within one week from the date of receipt of certified copy of the order by way of comprehensive representation). In case, such a representation is made, the same be decided within three weeks from such representation.

The writ petition stands disposed of.

05.04.2021

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(Girish Agnihotri)
Judge

1. Whether speaking/reasoned?

Yes/No

2. Whether reportable?

Yes/No