

206(5th case)

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

**CWP-772-2019 (O&M)
Date of decision: 28.10.2022**

Chand Ram and others

...Petitioners

VS

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present : Mr. Nitish Bhatia, Advocate,
For the petitioners.

Mr.R.K.S.Brar, Additional A.G., Haryana.

ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)

Petition herein, *inter alia*, is for issuance of a writ in the nature of certiorari for quashing the impugned online transfer policy dated 08.03.2018 (Annexure P-4) for transfer of Clerks working in operational wing of Haryana Roadways.

2. Learned State counsel opposes the petition, arguing that transfer policy is merely directory in nature and guidelines contained therein are not mandatory in nature.

3. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and gone through the case file.

4. Merely because the respondents have initiated to implement transfer of Clerks through online transfer drive is no ground for this Court to grant any indulgence. On the other hand, introducing online transfer drive is a laudable step to bring about better transparency in the administrative functioning.

5. Transfer being matter of administrative exigency, this Court generally refrains to interfere and treads cautiously, unless it is a case of extreme hardship. The case in hand does not seem to be such so as to deserve any indulgence. Moreover, to transfer an official or not to, is sole discretion of the employer based on the administrative exigencies. Not doing or doing so is not a punishment, but an integral part of service conditions.
6. No grounds are made out to interfere. Dismissed.

OCTOBER 28, 2022
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(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No