

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

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CWP No.1243 of 2022

DATE OF DECISION : 4th FEBRUARY, 2022

Dr. Ameer Sultana

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab & others

.... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJBIR SEHRAWAT

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In virtual Court
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Present : Mr. Sameer Sachdeva, Advocate for the petitioner.

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RAJBIR SEHRAWAT, J. (Oral)

The petitioner has filed this petition under Articles 226 and 227 of the Constitution of India, praying for issuance of an appropriate writ, order or directions to the respondents allowing the petitioner to continue in service up to the age of 65 years with all consequential benefits at par with teachers in LPA No.1505 of 2016, in view of the Panjab University's division to adopt and implement the UGC Regulations, 2010 and as per the amendment initiated in Clause 17.3 of Chapter VI(A) of University Calendar at the specific instance of Central Govt. by the legislative bodies of the Panjab University revising the retirement age for University Teachers to 65 years; along with certain other prayers.

The prayer, in essence, is that the petitioner should not be retired from service in the Panjab University till she attain the age of 65 years.

This Court finds that the identical issue has already been considered and decided by a Coordinate Bench by a detailed judgment running into 114 pages rendered in **CWP No. 11988 of 2014, decided on 16.8.2016** titled as **Dr. Bhura Singh Ghuman v. Panjab University, Chandigarh and others**, after considering all the issues sought to be addressed before this Bench. Hence, this Court is of the considered view that the claim raised by the petitioner in the present petitions is squarely covered by the said judgment.

Although, counsel for the petitioner has relied upon the judgment rendered by a Division Bench of this Court in **CWP No. 20447 of 2020** titled as **Dr. Jogender Pal Singh and others v. Union of India and others** decided on 01.03.2021, however, that judgment is not relevant for the purpose of cases relating to the Panjab University and affiliated colleges because that case is exclusively relating to the Punjab Engineering College, which is a technical institute, statedly, established and controlled by the Union Territory, Chandigarh.

Accordingly, this petition is dismissed in terms of the judgment rendered in case of CWP No. 11988 of 2014, decided on 16.8.2016 titled as Dr. Bhura Singh Ghuman v. Panjab University, Chandigarh and others.

4th FEBRUARY, 2022
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(RAJBIR SEHRAWAT)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned:</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable:</i>	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>