

419 (2nd case)

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-19752-2001

Date of decision :22.11.2022

Shakuntla Devi and others

...Petitioners

Vs.

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present: Mr. Mayank Garg, Advocate and
Mr. Abhishek Choudhary, Advocate for
Mr. Raman B. Garg, Advocate,
For the petitioners.

Mr. R.D.Sharma, DAG, Haryana.

ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)

Petition herein, *inter alia*, is for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to pay the petitioners who are working as Auxiliary Nurse & Midwife/Multipurpose Health Worker (Female) on contract basis, salary in regular pay scale of Rs.4000-6000 as has been granted to their regular counterparts in the Health Department w.e.f. the date of their initial appointment

2. Petition was admitted for hearing on 31.01.2003.

3. When taken up for final adjudication, learned counsel is unable to assist the Court for lack of instructions. Learned counsel for the petitioners states that despite attempts, his office could not contact the petitioners. In the premise, no useful purpose would be served to issue fresh notice to the petitioners as the same too would be an exercise in futility.

4. It seems that by sheer effluxion of time and pendency of the writ petition for more than 21 years before this Court, either it has been rendered infructuous or even otherwise the petitioners seem to have lost interest in pursuing the same.

5. Be that as it may, writ petition is dismissed with liberty to the petitioners to file an appropriate application in case any cause of action still survives.

(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

November 22, 2022

Vandana

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No