

Sr. No.723

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

**CWP-5987-2001 (O&M)
Date of decision: 25.05.2022**

Pawan Kumar and others

...Petitioners

Vs.

State of Haryana and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present: None 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 Certiorari quashing the impugned office orders/ letters dated 30.03.2001 (Annexures P-3 to P-8) whereby services of the petitioners have been discontinued with immediate effect after expiry of six months period despite continuation of the project.

2. Petition was admitted for hearing on 31.07.2002.

3. When taken up for final adjudication, there is no representation on behalf of the petitioners. It seems that by sheer effluxion of time and pendency of the writ petition for more than 20 years before this Court, either it has been rendered infructuous or even otherwise the petitioners seem to have lost interest in pursuing the same.

4. In any case, from perusal of record/pleadings, it appears that even on merits, claim of the petitioners is not admissible. Reference may be had in particular to the stand taken in para-2 of the preliminary objections of the written statement filed by respondents No.2 and 3.

5. Learned State counsel has canvassed arguments on similar lines as the stand taken in the written statement.

6. I am in agreement with the stand taken by the respondents. Neither any replication has been filed to the afore-noted stand of the respondents nor any additional affidavit of any kind to controvert the same.

7. In any case, services of the petitioners were discontinued as Social workers and there is nothing on record to show that the petitioners can claim to work as Social workers on honorarium basis as matter of right. Concededly their services were hired on the basis of a fixed consideration in the nature of an honorarium of Rs.2,000/- per month which included their travel expenses etc. However, subsequently, it was found that scheme of engaging Social workers in this manner was not yielding any results and a decision was taken to discontinue such an arrangement of engaging Social workers in District Jind. An unequivocal stand has been taken that no person was engaged in District Jind as Social worker under the earlier scheme after discontinuation of the services of the petitioners. I therefore, see no grounds as to how petitioners can seek issuance of a writ petition to continue as Social worker despite their being no requirement and/ or any statutory provision in support of their claim.

8. In view of the aforesaid, no grounds are made out to interfere.

9. Dismissed.

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(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No