

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

CWP-13672-2021

Date of decision: March 29, 2022

Geeta Devi

....Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present: Mr. Sardavinder Goyal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Tapan Kumar Yadav, DAG Haryana.

ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner herein seeks issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to regularly release the honorarium against her work to the post of ASHA Activist and ASHA facilitator and allow her to continue to function on said posts as the respondents are pressurizing her to submit her resignation.

2. Having argued the matter at some length, when this Court showed its disinclination to interfere in the matter, learned counsel for the petitioner states that without adverting to the merits of the case, let this petition be treated as her representation to the competent authority and appropriate administrative orders be passed in the light of Single Bench Judgment **rendered in CWP No.4769-2016 titled as "Bimla Devi Vs. Union of India and others"** contained at **Annexure P-6** in the case of Anganwadi Workers, who are also paid honorarium as required ASHA workers. He also submits that likewise in somewhat similar circumstances, a Single Bench of *Patna High Court* in case titled as "***Veena Devi Vs. The State Election Commission and others***" (Annexure P-5) rendered an opinion qua the issue of assignment of ASHA Worker, on which the petitioner is staking claim, as not Office of Profit. It is also contended that the mere fact that the petitioner had contested successfully for the post of Municipal Councilor should not per se non-suit her to

work as ASHA worker, which assignment is mere in the nature of social work since only meager honorarium is paid.

3. Be that as it may, without commenting on the merits of the case, the writpetition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority to look into the grievance of the petitioner and also contentions raised in the present petition by treating the same as representation and take a decision, in accordance with law,as expeditiously as possible.

(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No