

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

CWP-18499-2022 (O&M)

Date of decision: August 23, 2022

Parveen and another

.....Petitioners

versus

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present: Mr. Sunil Kumar Bhardwaj, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Pankaj Middha, Additional AG Haryana.

ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)

Petition herein, *inter alia*, is for issuance of a writ in the nature of Certiorari for quashing impugned notice dated 04.08.2022 (Annexure P-25) and other identical notice issued to the petitioners, for termination of services in case they failed to submit Sports Gradation Certificate in compliance of letter dated 10.11.2020 (Annexure P-8), allegedly being contrary to the clarification dated 17.06.2022 (Annexure P-24) whereby petitioners have been granted liberty to submit the Sports Gradation Certificates upto 31.10.2022.

2. Pledged case is that petitioners applied for Group-D posts and qualified the selection process. They were issued appointment letters dated 31.01.2019 and 30.01.2019 (Annexures P-2 and P-3, respectively). Petitioners have participated in athletic events organized by the Haryana Athletic Association and the certificates (Annexure P-5) i.e. merit/participation have been issued by the concerned Association. Subsequently,

Respondent-Sports Department issued a letter dated 25.01.2021 (Annexure P-12), stating therein that the Athletic Sports Certificates issued under the signatures of Sh. Naresh Malik be treated as invalid in view of letter dated 23.05.2014 issued by the President of the Haryana Athletic Association. It is also stated that Sh. Naresh Malik has never remained the Secretary of the Haryana Athletic Association and never remained affiliated with Athletic Federation of India and as a result of which the petitioners as well as similarly situated employees were directed to submit their Sports Gradation Certificate in the office of District Sports Officer. Vide order dated 04.08.2022 (Annexure P-25), respondent-Department asked the petitioners to submit sports Gradation Certificate in compliance of the letter dated 10.11.2020 within 30 days failing which their services are liable to be terminated without any further notice. The orders passed by the respondent-Department whereby the sports gradation certificates are ordered to be cancelled, such orders are already under challenge in CWP-16348-2022 and the same is pending adjudication.

3. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record.

4. Sports Gradation Certificates have been assailed by the Haryana Athletic Association vide separate CWP-16348-2022 titled as Haryana Athletic Association versus State of Haryana and others, which is listed for 21.11.2022. Outcome of the same shall also govern the fate of the petitioners herein. As regards the rest of the grievance, same shall become alive only after adjudication of the validity of Sports Gradation Certificates, supra.

5. Till the final adjudication of the status of the CWP-16348-2022, which is *sub judice*, status quo as on today *qua* the services of the petitioners shall be maintained.

6. Disposed of.

(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

August 23, 2022

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No