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

CWP-29202-2017

Date of Decision: March 25, 2022

KESHAV KUMAR AND ANOTHER

..... PETITIONERS

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

..... RESPONDENTS

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Suresh Kumar Kaushik, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Kiran Pal Singh, AAG, Haryana.

LISA GILL, J.

This matter is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to the outbreak of pandemic, COVID-19.

Prayer in this writ petition is for a direction to the respondents to assess the workload in respondent No. 3 – College in the subject of Commerce as per UGC Regulations with a prayer to quash order dated 21.08.2017 whereby petitioners had been relieved from service.

Petitioners, who were working as Extension Lecturer in the subject of Commerce with the respondent – College were relieved on account of insufficient workload on 28.08.2017. This writ petition has been filed challenging the said order, inter alia, on the ground that the same has been passed without assessing workload as per UGC Regulations and clarifications issued by the concerned University.

Learned counsel for the State submits that as the petitioners have been duly adjusted as per workload, this writ petition is rendered infructuous. Petitioner No. 1 was adjusted at another college as per availability of workload and petitioner No. 2 was adjusted at the same college. Learned counsel for the petitioners is unable deny that the petitioners have been duly adjusted, however, it is submitted that workload is not being assessed in a proper manner.

It is submitted that when petitioners were relieved there were 19 available posts with only 16 persons working qua the same, still the petitioner was relieved. Therefore, assessment of workload is not as per the UGC Regulations and clarifications. Though writ statement has not been filed, learned counsel for the State submits workload is calculated not only on the basis of sanctioned posts but keeping in view the student strength in a particular semester and as per UGC Regulations and clarifications.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances, I do not find the necessity of continuance of the present proceedings any longer.

This writ petition is, thus, disposed of as infructuous.

Needless to say, in case of petitioners having any subsisting grievance are at liberty to represent before the authorities.

March 25, 2022
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(LISA GILL)
JUDGE

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