

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

(252)

CWP-1993-2022(O&M)

Date of Decision : December 13, 2023

Deepak Kaushik

.. Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

.. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Raj Kaushik, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Harish Nain, Assistant Advocate General, Haryana.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

1. In the present writ petition, the prayer of the petitioner is that the service which the petitioner had rendered in the Rural area is not being recorded in the service book, which is going to cause prejudice to the petitioner in case, the petitioner apply for post graduate course or for any other benefit for which the Rural service is needed.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the service rendered by the petitioner in the Rural area be recorded in the service book.

3. Learned counsel for the respondents submits that the petitioner was not posted in the Rural area but was being deputed for some time to perform the duties in the Rural area. Learned counsel for the respondents further submits that from the record, only period spent in the Rural area is one year nine months.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record with their able assistance.

5. Once, certain benefits depend upon the Rural area service, the respondents are under an obligation to grant the benefit of Rural service

actually performed by an employee so that no prejudice is caused.

6. With regard to the argument of the learned State counsel that the petitioner was posted in Urban area though he was deputed in Rural area for some time to perform the duties, it may be noticed that once the actual performance of the duties of the petitioner is in Rural area, the same needs to be recorded in the service book even if the same was on temporary basis/deputation or by way of additional duties to be discharged, hence, the respondents are directed to add the actual number of days the petitioner performed the duties in Rural area into the service book of the petitioner so that in case at a later stage, any benefit is required to be taken of the said rural service, no prejudice is caused to the petitioner.

7. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has also not been paid the salary for certain period.

8. Learned counsel for the respondents submits that in case any representation is received from the petitioner raising the claim with regard to salary, actual record will be checked and in case any salary is due to the petitioner, the same will be released to the petitioner within a period of eight weeks of deciding the said claim.

9. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the present petition may kindly be disposed of having been not pressed any further with liberty to the petitioner to approach the respondents so as to claim the salary for certain period.

10. In view of the above, the present writ petition along with application i.e. CM-10497-CWP-2023 is disposed of.

December 13, 2023

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No