

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-6080 of 2023 (O&M)
Date of decision: 23.03.2023

Surjit Kaur

..Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Ms. Amandeep Soni , Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. R.K. Kapoor, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J(Oral)

1. The petitioner prays for the issuance of a writ in the nature of certiorari to quash the orders passed on 22.02.2023 and 05.01.2023. She is working as an Anganwari Helper. This programme has been launched by the Central Government in collaboration with the Department of Women and Child Development, Punjab. The staff employed under the aforesaid scheme is not part of the civil services i.e. they are not the civil servants. They are employed on a contractual basis. In fact, the dispute with regard to appointment by way of promotion of Anganwari Helpers to the post of Anganwari Workers previously also came up for consideration before this Court in **Neelam Rani and others vs. State of Punjab and others** (Civil Writ Petition No.3027 of 2023, decided on 14.02.2023).

2. On 03.01.2023, a policy was adopted by the respondents to promote certain employees as Anganwari Workers. Various Anganwari Workers whose performance was outstanding in their work were not

considered for promotion by the respondents. Subsequently, the Director noticed that various regional authorities have wrongly interpreted the policy issued on 03.01.2023 and many eligible Anganwari Helpers were left out from being promoted to the said post.

3. Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, a fresh notification streamlining the process of promotion has been issued on 07.02.2023 which provides that the candidates having minimum 7 years experience shall be considered for promotion as Anganwari Workers.

4. In the present case, the petitioner calls in question an order passed by the Directorate keeping on hold the transfer and promotion process of the Anganwari Helpers. Vide order dated 22.02.2023, the Director, Social Security and Development of Women and Children, Punjab, has already noticed this fact and a fresh instructions on 22.02.2023 have been issued.

5. In such circumstances, at this stage, there is no ground to issue the writ as prayed for.

6. Dismissed.

7. All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, are also disposed of.

March 23, 2023
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

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