

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-8310-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision : 01.08.2023

Anup Maini and others

... Petitioners

Versus

Secretary, School Education, Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present:- None for the petitioners.

Mr.Rohit Bansal, Sr.DAG, Punjab
for respondents no.1 to 4.

Mr.Brijeshwar Singh Kanwar, Advocate
for respondent no.6-UOI.

Mr. B.S. Seemar, Advocate
for respondents no.7 and 8.

VIKAS BAHL, J.(ORAL)

1. This is a civil writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of an appropriate writ, order or direction especially in the nature of mandamus directing respondents no.1 to 4 for issuing instructions to all the schools falling under their domain asking them to furnish the details of expenses being incurred by them for conducting online classes. A further prayer has been made for directing respondent no.5 to 8 to produce the rules / regulations or any other standard procedure prescribed for the schools to conduct online classes along with the rules / guidelines or safety measures framed, if any.

2. Learned counsel appearing for respondents no.7 and 8 has

as the present writ petition was filed during the pandemic Covid and the same is now over. It is further submitted that two prayers have been made in the present petition and with respect to the first prayer, reference has been made to the notice of motion order dated 19.06.2020 in which it has been noticed that as far as the first prayer is concerned, learned counsel for the petitioner did not press the same. It is further submitted that with respect to the second prayer, in the reply filed by respondents no.7 and 8 it has been stated in detail that on account of the pandemic Covid 19, the Department of School Education & Literacy Ministry of Human Resource and Development Government of India has already initiated the digitalization of education system so that education of the children is not effected by way of a programme called "PRAGYATA".

3. Learned counsel for respondent no.6 has submitted that the present petition has been rendered infructuous.

4. No one has appeared on behalf of the petitioner to rebut this aspect. Even on 19.12.2022, none has appeared on behalf of the petitioners.

5. Keeping in view of the abovesaid facts and circumstances, the present petition is disposed of as having been rendered infructuous. Liberty is granted to the petitioner to revive the present petition or to file a fresh petition, in case any cause survives.

6. Pending miscellaneous application, if any, shall stand disposed of in view of the abovesaid order.

(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE

August 01, 2023

Davinder Kumar

Whether speaking / reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No