

2023:PHHC:066150

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

CWP-9836-2023 (O&M)
Date of decision: 08.05.2023

Rakesh Kumar and others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present:- Mr. Ashok Bhardwaj, Advocate for the petitioners

Mr. R.S.Pandher, Sr.DAG, Punjab

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J (Oral)

The petitioners pray for issuance of a writ in the nature of Certiorari to quash the decision dated 24.03.2023 taken in a meeting held on 24.03.2023 under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, Punjab. After noticing that there are only 15 employees of the Department of IT, a conscious decision has been taken to merge the services of the petitioners with the Department of Industries and Commerce while constituting a separate dying cadre.

Aggrieved by the aforesaid decision, this writ petition has been filed. Learned counsel representing the petitioners submits that once the services of the petitioners are merged with the Department of Industries and Commerce, they are made members of a separate dying cadre and therefore, they will not get any promotional avenue. He further contends that the order has been passed without hearing the petitioners.

On reading of the decision taken on 24.03.2023, it is evident

that the decision, in question, has been taken in the public interest. In fact, the decision in question, is in the realm of the policy decision. Moreover, the matter is to be approved by the Council of Ministers.

Keeping in view of the aforesaid facts, no ground to issue the writ, as prayed for, is made out.

Hence, dismissed.

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

08.05.2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)

JUDGE