

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

**(212) CWP-10010-2017
Date of Decision : November 02, 2023**

Babita Gupta .. Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others .. Respondents

(212-A) CWP-7320-2017

Hemant Garg and others .. Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others .. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Anurag Goyal, Advocate, for the petitioner
in CWP-10010-2017.

Mr. Sandeep K. Sharma, Advocate, for
Mr. Gurinder Pal Singh, Advocate, for the petitioners
in CWP-7320-2017.

Mr. Saurabh Mohunta, Deputy Advocate General, Haryana.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

1. By this common order, two writ petitions, the details of which have been given in the heading, are being decided as both the petitions involve the same question of law on similar facts.

2. In the present writ petitions, the prayer of the petitioners is that they are working as Counselor/Social Worker in the De-Addiction Centres and they should be allowed to continue in service till the regular selected candidates are employed at the Centres.

3. In defence, an affidavit dated 07.08.2018 has been filed wherein, it has been mentioned that regular ANM candidates have already

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been appointed who are looking after the duties so as to ensure the smooth working of the De-Addiction Centres and the posts of the Counselor have already been sent to the Commission for being filled up by regular candidates.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners be allowed to continue till the post of Counselors is filled up through regular basis.

5. It may be noticed that the petitioners are not working for the last more than five years. As per the affidavit which was filed in the year 2018, the post of Counselor had already been notified to the Commission for being filled up and nothing has come on record that the said posts have not been filled up so far.

6. In order to ensure the smooth working of the De-Addiction Centres, in case the posts, which were sent to the Commission, have not been filled up so far and the respondents are in need of the work force to regulate the work of the post qua which the requisition sent to the Commission, the posts be filled up within a period of six months in case they are required to be filled up but have not been filled up so far.

7. The present writ petitions are disposed of in above terms.

8. A photocopy of this order be placed on the file of other connected case.

November 02, 2023
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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