

2023:PHHC:068392

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

CWP-16049-2016 (O&M)
Date of decision: 09.05.2023

Rajpal Singh and others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present:- Mr. Lal Singh Sandhu, Advocate for the petitioners

Mr. R.K. Kapoor, Addl. AG, Punjab

Mr. Anupam Singla, Advocate for respondent no.3

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J (Oral)

1. The petitioners are working as the Education Volunteers under the Project Sarv Shiksha Abhiyan Authority, Punjab, now re-named as Samargya Shiksha Abhiyan. They pray for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus to direct the respondents to implement the letter dated 29.08.2009 and to grant 6% increase per year in their salary.

2. On the other hand, the learned counsel representing the respondents while contesting the petition has stated that due to an inadvertent mistake, the distinction of salary between the employees working on a contract basis and the Education Volunteers was omitted under the instructions Annexure P-1, however, in the year 2009 itself a clarification was issued by the Department on 29.08.2009, whereby it was clarified that the salary of the Education Volunteers will increase in the following manner:-

Sr.No.	Educational Qualification	Present Salary	Enhance Salary
1.	B.A	Rs.2500/- per month	Rs.4500/ per month
2.	B.A, B.Ed	Rs.3000/- per month	Rs.5250/ per month
3.	M.A, B.Ed	Rs.3500/- per month	Rs.6000/ per month

This enhancement will be applicable from 01/08/2009.”

3.

It has also been brought to the notice of the Court that regular identical increase in the salary of the Education Volunteers has been granted. The typographical error in letter dated 29.08.2009 Annexure P-1 is admitted by the State. Thereafter, a fresh notification has been issued governing the salary of the Education Volunteers.
4.

Keeping in view the stand of the State, there is no substance in the writ petition.
5.

Hence, dismissed.
6.

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

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

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE