

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

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**CWP-24488 of 2015 (O&M)
Date of decision: 07.02.2023**

Davinder Singh and others

..Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Vipin Mahajan, Advocate, for the petitioners.
Mr. Teevar Sharma, AAG, Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J(Oral)

1. The petitioners pray for the issuance of a writ in the nature of certiorari to quash the order dated 31.03.2015 vide which the services of the petitioners as Field Investigators have been dispensed with on the ground that their services are no longer required.

2. The petitioners were recruited on the contract basis as the Field Investigators under the Backward Region Grant Fund Program (BRGF). Though, they were engaged for a period of one year, however, they continued working subsequently also. The services of the petitioners have been dispensed with in terms of the aforesaid contract. The petitioners have stated that 8 persons have been recruited by the concerned authority after the petitioners have been retained, though, as per the principle of 'last come first go', the petitioners were entitled to be retained to the post.

3. On the other hand, the respondents while filing the reply has stated that the services of Harpreet Singh Toor, Sandeep, Tripta Devi and Vandana Walia have also been terminated by the authority. It has been brought to the notice of the Court that certain employees have been kept in view of their special qualification in order to wind up the scheme as a decision to this effect has already been taken.

4. In view of the judgment passed by the Supreme Court in *State of Maharashtra vs. Anita and others, (2016) 8 SCC 293*, the services of the petitioners have admittedly been dispensed with in terms of the contract.
5. Hence, no ground to issue the writ as prayed for is made out.
6. Dismissed.
7. All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, are also disposed of.

February 07, 2023
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

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