

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA, CHANDIGARH

Sr. No.: 127

Civil Writ Petition No.18352 of 2023

Date of Decision: August 22, 2023

Dr. Santosh Devi

..... PETITIONER(S)

VERSUS

State of Haryana and others

..... RESPONDENT(S)

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

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PRESENT: - Mr. Vijay Pal, Advocate for the petitioner.

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Tribhuvan Dahiya, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed seeking a writ of *mandamus* directing the respondents to count the petitioner's service w.e.f. January 1996 for the purpose of seniority and other pensionary/retiral benefits.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner was appointed on contract basis in January 1996, since there was a ban on regular recruitment to the post of Assistant Professors/Lecturers from 1996 to 2006. Pursuant thereto, she was regularly appointed as Assistant Professor (Sanskrit) in the respondent Department. Her case for counting the contract service is covered under the UGC guidelines dated 30.06.2010 (Annexure P-11). She has already submitted a legal notice dated 11.05.2023, Annexure P-19, but the same has not been decided so far. At this stage, the petitioner will be satisfied in case respondent no.2 is directed to consider and decide the pending legal notice.

3. Notice of motion.
4. Mr. Ravinder Singh Budhwar, Addl. AG, Haryana, appearing on advance notice, submits that the pending legal notice, dated 11.05.2023, shall be decided by respondent No.2 expeditiously.
5. In view thereof, without going into merits of the case, the instant petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2/Director General, Higher Education Department, Haryana, to consider and decide the pending legal notice, dated 11.05.2023, by passing a speaking order in accordance with law, within a period of eight weeks from the date of receiving a certified copy of this order.

(Tribhuvan Dahiya)
Judge

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<u>Whether Speaking/ Reasoned:</u>	<u>Yes/ No</u>
<u>Whether Reportable:</u>	<u>Yes/ No</u>