



**105+271 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CM-14264-CWP-2023 in/and
CWP No.14395 of 2023
Date of Decision : 01-08-2024**

MALKEET SINGH GHOTRA AND ORS.

.....Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Vishal Garg, Advocate
 for the petitioners.

Mr. Arun Gupta, DAG Punjab.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J. (Oral)

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In the present petition, the grievance raised by the petitioners is that they had been granted the additional charge of Drawing and Disbursing Officer of a school other than the one in which the petitioners have been posted and in order to discharge the DDOs, the petitioners have to incur travelling expenses which have not been reimbursed and the same is causing prejudice to them.

Learned counsel for the respondents submit that though, generally the DDOs work even qua the additional charge from their substantive place of posting and might have to travel for one day to the school where the additional charge has been given hence, the grievance being raised by the petitioners is liable to be rejected.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the records of the present case with their able assistance.

Once, an employee is being directed to discharge the duties of another post in addition to the duties of his substantive posting, the employee cannot be caused prejudice so as to incur the expenses for discharging the additional duties from his/her own pocket. The respondents should streamline the working of the Department.

It is directed that in case, an employee is directed to discharge the duties of another school as Drawing and Disbursing Officer, which school is beyond the radius of 8 Kms, the employee should be paid the travelling allowance so as to ensure that no financial prejudice is caused to him/her. Let, the respondents streamline the issue of the grant of the additional charge of the school to the petitioner so as to discharge the duties of the post of Drawing and Disbursing Officer keeping in view the observation of the Court recorded hereinbefore.

In view of above, the present petition is disposed of.

Ordered accordingly.

Pending application, if any, also stand disposed off.

01-08-2024
Sapna Goyal

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

NOTE: Whether speaking: YES/NO
Whether reportable: YES/NO