



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

(111)

CWP No. 18910 of 2024

Date of Decision : 08.08.2024

Sameer Sharma

...Petitioner

Versus

The State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Pawan Kumar Goklaney, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Swapan Shorey, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

Harsimran Singh Sethi J. (Oral)

1. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the services of the petitioner were terminated on the ground that the petitioner never participated in the selection process qua the post of Assistant Coordinator Grievance (Block) after she was appointed to the said post, vide offer letter dated 06.03.2019 (Annexure P-7). Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the post in question was filled on the contractual basis and the contract of the petitioner had already expired in the year 2021 and the same was not extended thereafter. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the allegations against the petitioner that he never participated for the post in question is incorrect as, several posts were advertised by the respondents for which a joint written test was taken by the petitioner and once the petitioner appeared in the joint written test, the claim of the petitioner should be considered against all the posts, hence, the order terminating the services of the petitioner is arbitrary and illegal.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner has already raised the said grievance in the legal notice dated 18.07.2023 (Annexure



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P-15) but the same is still pending consideration with the respondents and the petitioner will be satisfied, at this stage, in case a direction is issued to the respondents to decide the same by passing an appropriate speaking order in a time bound manner.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Swapan Shorey, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and submits that in case, the legal notice dated 18.07.2023 (Annexure P-15) has been received in the office of the concerned authorities and the same is still pending consideration with the authorities concerned, the same will be decided by the competent authority within a period of eight weeks from the date of the receipt of certified copy of this order by passing an appropriate speaking order. Learned counsel further submits that in case, it is found feasible to accept the claim of the petitioner, the same will be accepted, otherwise due reasons will be mentioned for not accepting the claim of the petitioner in the speaking order to be passed and the said order will be duly conveyed to the petitioner.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that keeping in view the statement of learned State counsel, the present petition may kindly be disposed of having been not pressed any further.

6. Ordered accordingly.

August 08, 2024

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : No