



CWP-6246-2023 and connected case

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

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Date of decision: 21.01.2025

CWP-6246-2023 (O & M)

Abhilasha vs. State of Punjab and others

CWP-2404-2023

Sukhwant Singh vs. Shaheed Bhagat Singh State University and  
others

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY**

Present : Mr. Vikas Chatrath, Advocate for  
the petitioner in CWP-6246-2023.

Mr. Sandeep K. Sharma, Advocate for  
the petitioner in CWP-2404-2023.

Mr. Swapan Shorey, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Sukhdeep Singh Bhinder, Advocate and  
Ms. Indira, Advocate, for respondent No.3 in CWP-6246-  
2023.

Ms. Ginnijeet Malhotra, Adovcate,  
for respondent No.1 in CWP-2404-2023.

**AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)**

1. These cases involve similar issues and, therefore, are being disposed of together.
2. Prayer made in the present petitions is for quashing the order whereby re-designation granted to the petitioners as Associate Professor was withdrawn.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioners pray for disposal of the petitions, in terms of judgment in **Tej Pal Verma and others vs.**

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**Shaheed Bhagat Singh State University, Ferozepur, CWP-2797-2022,**

decided on 04.07.2024, to which learned counsel for the respondents have no objection, relevant paras thereof read thus:

“In the present petition, the grievance of the petitioners is that their pay has been reduced arbitrarily by the impugned orders (Annexure P-3 to P12) dated 21.12.2021 and that too without giving any show cause notice.

Learned Senior counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners submits that even otherwise, after the filing of the writ petition, a clarification has been received by the department, copy of which has been appended as Annexure P-19 dated 03.05.2023, by which, it has already been clarified that Lecturer, who was appointed prior to 2012, the degree of Ph.D was not required for promotion as Associate Professor and therefore, the respondents were under obligation to reconsider the impugned orders in view of the said clarification.

Learned counsel for the respondent-University submits that appropriate consideration will be given to Annexure P-19, i.e. clarification letter dated 03.05.2023 and another speaking order will be passed within a period of 8 weeks of the receipt of this order, qua the claim of the petitioners as to whether their re-designation as Associate Professors was valid keeping in view of the qualification being possessed by the petitioners at the time of the initial re-designation as Associate Professor. Learned counsel for the respondent-University submits that even the personal hearing will be given to the petitioners so as to enable them to project their case, and till then, keeping in view the interim order passed, the pay-scale of the petitioners arbitrarily being granted will not be reduced.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that keeping in view the statement of the learned State counsel, present petition may kindly be disposed of as having been not pressed any further with liberty as prayed for.

Ordered accordingly.”

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4. Accordingly, the present petitions are disposed of in terms of the judgment passed in **Tej Pal Verma** (supra).
5. Photocopy of this order be placed on the connected file.

21.01.2025

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**(AMAN CHAUDHARY)**  
**JUDGE**

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