

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

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2025:PHHC:156944-DB



**C.M. No.8438-8439-8444-CWP of
2025 in/and CWP No. 11021 of 2025
(O&M)**

Date of decision: 13th November, 2025

Dr. Alka Jain

..Petitioner

Versus

Central Administrative Tribunal, Chandigarh Bench and others

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

Present: Ms. Harpriya Khaneka, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Madhu Dayal, Advocate and
Mr. Abhishek Kumar, Advocate
for the respondent-U.T.Chandigarh.

Mr. Rajiv Atma Ram, Senior Advocate with
Ms. Shreya Kaushik, Advocate for respondent No.5.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J(Oral)

1. In the present petition, the challenge is to the order dated 25.03.2025 (Annexure P-1) by which the temporary arrangement was made to discharge the duties of the post of Principal of the Government Art College, Sector 10, Chandigarh, at the hands of the petitioner herein, has been set aside.

2. The endeavour of the authorities appears to make recruitment qua the post of Prinicipal Government Art College, Sector 10, Chandigarh, on permanent basis. Nothing has been placed on record as to why the said post has not been yet filled on regular basis, even if, the rules are process of amendment.

3. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of U.T. Chandigarh-respondents submits that as per her instructions, the post of Principal, Govt.Art

College, Chandigarh, which is in question in the present proceedings, will be filled up on regular basis before next session.

4. Keeping in view the said undertaking, the present proceedings are disposed of with direction that the post of Principal, Government Art College, Sector-10, Chandigarh, be filled up on regular basis as undertaken before this Court, before the start of the next session i.e. 2026-2027. In case of any failure to comply with the said undertaking, the same shall invite contempt proceedings as the parties are litigating since long and the U.T. Chandigarh fail to fill up the said post on regular basis, same will generate more litigation between the employees working therein.

5. Till the said post of Principal of Govt. Arts College, Chandigarh is filled up on a regular basis, the petitioner shall be permitted to continue remain on the said post on stop gap arrangement.

6. It is, however, made it clear that while disposing of the present petition, the question regarding the eligibility of petitioner is not being adjudicated upon. In case any such question arises at the time of filling up the post on regular basis, the same shall be considered and decided by the competent authorities on their own keeping in view the rule governing the service, which prescribes the eligibility for the post to be filled up, which are being adhered to while making the regular selection.

7. In case, the undertaking given by U.T. Chandigarh regarding the filling up the post of Principal of Government Art College, Sector 10, Chandigarh, on a regular basis is not complied with either of the parties shall be at liberty to seek revival of the present petition for passing appropriate order in that eventuality.

8. Even though the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) are not parties to the present proceedings , but once the U.T. Chandigarh initiate the process of filing up the post, the Ministry of Home Affairs, Union of India (MHA) and UPSC will also ensure that the regular selection of the post is made before the start of the next session i.e. 2026-27 which usually begins in July, 2026. A copy of this order shall also be conveyed by the U.T. Chandigarh to the MHA and UPSC for information and necessary action.

9. Pending application(s), if any, stands disposed of.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

13th November, 2025

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(VIKAS SURI)
JUDGE

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