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

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CWP-11874-2018

Date of Decision : **March 05, 2026**

SEEMA RANI JINDAL AND ANR

.....Petitioners

VERSUS

ARMY PUBLIC SCHOOL AND ORS

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA

Present : Mr. Kapil Kakkar, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. ADS Jattana, Advocate for respondents No.1 to 4.

DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA, J. (Oral)

1. In the present writ petition, the petitioners are praying for issuance of direction to restrain the respondents from replacing the petitioners with another set of contractual employees. Reliance is placed upon the judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in "**Hargurpratap Singh Vs. State of Punjab and others**" 2007(13) SCC 292 (Annexure P-13).

2. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondents No.1 to 4 submits that the present petition is not maintainable and is liable to be dismissed in light of the judgment passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case titled as "**Dileep Kumar Pandey Vs. Union of India and others**", being Civil Appeal No. 10899 of 2013 decided on 21/05/2025 whereby it was held that the relationship between the appellants and the school was in the realm of private contract and the same does not involve any public law element.

3. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners could not controvert the argument raised by the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondents and also could not distinguish the judgment referred above.

4. In view of the above, the present writ petition cannot be entertained on the ground of maintainability and, accordingly, the same is dismissed. However, liberty is granted to the petitioners to approach the appropriate forum for redressal of their grievances as per law.

(DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA)
JUDGE

March 05, 2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned. : Yes/No
Whether Reportable. : Yes/No