



219 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-31406-2019 (O&M)
Date of decision: 09.02.2026

Rajesh Kumar Pathak and others

...Petitioners

Vs.

Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering and
Technology

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ROHIT KAPOOR

Present: Mr. R.K. Malik, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Varun Veer Chauhan, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Vivek Singla, Advocate
for the respondent.

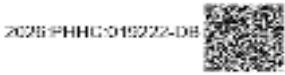
ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA, J. (Oral)

1. This petition has been filed challenging the recruitment notice dated 20.07.2019. The writ petition was entertained and recruitment pursuant to advertisement was made conditional and subject to the orders to be passed in the writ petition.

2. When the matter is taken up today, learned counsel for the respondent-Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering and Technology states that the recruitment notice itself has been withdrawn and even otherwise no appointment has been made.

3. Learned senior counsel for the petitioners states that certain recruitment rules have also been assailed.

4. Considering the fact that the advertisement itself has been



withdrawn and no recruitment has been made pursuant to the impugned recruitment notice, no substantive cause of action survives for adjudication in the present writ petition.

5. Learned senior counsel for the petitioners, however, insists that notwithstanding the statement made by the respondent, the writ petition be entertained as an interim order was passed by this Court on 30.09.2020 providing that any appointment made pursuant to the recruitment would remain subject to outcome of the writ petition.

6. We fail to understand the insistence on the part of the learned senior counsel for the petitioners when a categorical statement is made on behalf of the respondent clearly stating that the recruitment notification itself has been withdrawn. Once that be so, there is no occasion for the petitioners to press the writ petition any further. The reference to making of appointment in the interim order loses its significance once the respondent is on oath before this Court stating that the recruitment itself has been withdrawn on 26.10.2020.

7. The writ petition is **dismissed** accordingly.

8. Pending application(s), if any, stand(s) disposed of.

(ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA)
JUDGE

(ROHIT KAPOOR)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No