



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

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CWP-6795-2025
Date of Decision: 11.03.2025

Amit Kumar Dogra and others

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

Municipal Corporation, Chandigarh and others

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present: Mr. Abhijeet Chaudhary, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Manbir Singh, Advocate,
for respondent Nos.1 and 2.

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioners through instant petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India are seeking setting aside of order dated 20.02.2025 (Annexure P-3) passed by respondents whereby services of petitioners have been terminated.

2. The petitioners joined respondent Nos.1 and 2 through respondent Nos.3 and 4. The respondent No.2 is a limited company constituted by Government of India. The respondent Nos.3 and 4 are private entities which are engaged in supplying manpower. There was contract between official respondents and private respondents and validity of said contract was one year. The petitioners joined services with an expectation that they would continue to work for one year. The contract was executed in August' 2024 and official respondents have terminated contract in February' 2025 and petitioners are going to be relieved by 20.03.2025.



3. Mr. Abhijeet Chaudhary, Advocate submits that respondents have abruptly terminated services of the petitioners. They are poor persons and action of respondents is going to drastically affect their financial condition. They should be permitted to continue till the end of contractual period.

4. Mr. Manbir Singh, Advocate filed his Memo of Appearance on behalf of respondent Nos.1 and 2 and submits that on the direction of Central Government, Smart City Project was initiated. The petitioners were engaged for the said project. The Government of India has stopped said project and no funds are allocated after March, 2025. Thus, Corporation cannot make payment to petitioners and avail their services. The Government of India is going to develop new modalities and official respondents may or may not be part of the modalities.

5. I have heard the arguments and perused the record.

6. From the perusal of record and arguments of both sides, it is evident that petitioners were engaged in 2024. They might have expectation to remain in service for one year, however, it is apt to notice that they were engaged by private entities and their appointment was contractual. The official respondents on the direction of Central Government initiated Smart City Project and Central Government has not allocated funds beyond 31.03.2025. Thus, Corporation is unable to pay salary of petitioners. In any case, petitioners are engaged through private respondents.

7. In the backdrop, this Court does not find it appropriate to direct the official respondents to continue the petitioners.

8. Dismissed.



9. The petitioners are at liberty to approach authorities for alternative employment.

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(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No