

CWP-PIL-259-2024 (O&M)

Bhisham Kinger
Vs.
State of Punjab and others

Present : Mr. Bhisham Kinger – Petitioner in person.

Mr. Anurag Chopra, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab, and
Mr.K.A.P.Sinha, Chief Secretary to Govt.of Punjab (through v.c.)

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An affidavit of Mr. K.A.P. Sinha, Chief Secretary to Government of Punjab, has been filed in Court today. Same is taken on record.

As regards the issue of large number of vacancies of Doctors (General) in Civil Hospital, Malerkotla, Mr. Sinha, who is appearing virtually, is heard.

The affidavit, filed by him today, reveals that 19 Medical Officers (General) have since been posted at Civil Hospital, Malerkotla. However, joining letters of these Doctors have not been filed. Let the same be done before next date of hearing.

As regards the Civil Hospital not functioning with basic equipments, e.g., CT scan and MRI etc., it is informed that the said facilities have been outsourced by engaging Krishna Diagnostic Laboratory. This Court fails to understand as to why a private Laboratory is required to be engaged, when the State is duty bound under its sovereign function of providing basic health care facilities (which includes purchase of CT scan and MRI machines), which in present times are necessities of modern time hospital amenities to be available at District as well as Sub Division level hospitals.

Let an additional affidavit be filed before the next date of hearing.

Personal appearance of the Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Punjab
is exempted.

List on 24.03.2025.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

March 04, 2025
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(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE