

CANDIDATES LEFT HIGH AND DRY

Punjab spends 14 months recruiting psychologists, then cancels process

Kanchan Vasdev
Chandigarh, July 7

A 14-MONTH-LONG recruitment exercise to appoint 343 psychologists for Punjab's drug de-addiction programme has come to a standstill after the state government cancelled the selection process, unable to decide whether the appointments should be made on a contractual basis or through outsourcing. The development comes even as the government has been pitching counselling as a key component of its strategy to tackle drug abuse and plans to put a psychologist in each of its 560 Outpatient Opioid Assisted Treatment (OoAT) clinics. At present, around 250 psychologists are working in these centres. Sources said the recruitment process, initiated in April 2025, was originally meant to fill the posts on a contractual basis. "The Finance Department did not approve contractual appointments. They favoured outsourced employees. The disagreement left the Health Department with little option but to cancel the process after it had completed written examinations, counselling, document verification and preparation of the final merit list," said an official on anonymity. Punjab currently has 560 OoAT clinics functioning under its drug de-addiction pro-

gramme but only around 250 psychologists. The government has long maintained that counselling must become the backbone of its anti-drug strategy. "We want to shift the de-addiction program from being purely medical to counselling. That is why we need a psychologist in every OoAT clinic," a senior official said. According to officials, the issue will now be placed before the Cabinet Sub-Committee headed by Finance Minister Harpal Singh Cheema. "There are two opinions within the government. One is to conduct the recruitment process once again. The other is to absorb those who have already been selected. The Cabinet Sub-Committee will take the final call," the official said. The proposed salary for the psychologists is Rs 22,000 per month. The uncertainty has triggered protests by the selected candidates, who have been sitting outside the office of the Director, Health Services, in Chandigarh since Monday. Parvinder Singh Bhullar, one of the selected candidates, said the candidates had repeatedly met officials but received no clear response. "We belong to middle-class families. We were hoping this would be our chance. The government suddenly took a U-turn. They did not even tell us why the recruitment was cancelled," he said. The issue has now reached

the Punjab and Haryana High Court, where around 180 candidates who cleared the recruitment process have challenged the cancellation. The petition states that Baba Farid University of Health Sciences had advertised 343 psychologist posts in April 2025. A written examination was held on May 26, results were declared on June 2, counselling and document verification took place on June 23, and a final merit list was prepared. Only around 180 candidates qualified. However, on December 18, 2025, the Health Department cancelled the entire recruitment citing "administrative reasons". On the same day, it also initiated the process to fill around 200 psychologist and counsellor posts through outsourcing at the district level. The petitioners argue that after completing a transparent, merit-based recruitment process, the government could not arbitrarily abandon it simply because it later changed its stand on the mode of recruitment. They have sought quashing of the cancellation order and a direction to issue appointment letters on the basis of the final merit list. Cheema said the case will be put up to the Cabinet Sub-Committee soon. "We will take the decision after knowing the facts of the case."

Vijay Sampla alleges political misuse of Behbal Kalan SIT

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FORMER UNION Minister and former BJP Punjab president Vijay Sampla on Tuesday accused the Punjab Government of politically exploiting the SIT probe into the Behbal Kalan firing case, alleging that the issue was being revived to divert attention from the AAP government's failures ahead of elections. Addressing a press conference after appearing before the SIT in Chandigarh, Sampla said the Aam Aadmi Party government had promised justice in the Behbal Kalan case before coming to power but had failed to deliver despite being in office for four-and-a-half years. "The BJP has always maintained that every person responsible for the Behbal Kalan incident should be identified through a fair, impartial and transparent investigation and be awarded the strictest punishment in accordance with



Vijay Sampla addresses a press conference on Tuesday. EXPRESS

law. Our stand remains unchanged," he said. Sampla said Tuesday's appearance was the fourth time he had been summoned by the SIT. He stated that he had repeatedly requested certified copies of the documents on which his comments were being sought, but the investigating team had not provided them. He claimed that during the latest questioning, he was

shown only a memorandum submitted to the Governor on January 12, 2018, and questioned why an inquiry was being conducted over a document that had already been made public. "I spent nearly three hours before the SIT, but despite repeated requests from me and my legal team, I was not provided a certified copy of the document," Sampla said.

Centre to refer 'Satluj' to inter-dept panel under IT Rules after takedown

Press Trust of India
New Delhi, July 7

THE CENTRE plans to refer the Diljit Dosanjh-starrer "Satluj" to an Inter-Departmental Committee (IDC) constituted under the IT Rules 2021 for a detailed examination and future course of action, government sources said on Tuesday, two days after streaming platform ZEE5 was directed to take down the film over "security concerns". The film, which was earlier titled "Punjab '95" and details the life of activist Jaswant Singh Khaira in Punjab in the turbulent 1990s when the state was reeling under terrorism, was stuck with the censors for more than three years. Released uncut on ZEE5 under the new title of "Satluj" on July 3, the film was removed from the platform on July 5. Sources said the matter will now be examined by the IDC, a committee constituted under the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021, to consider grievances relating to content published by

OTT platforms and digital news publishers and make recommendations to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The committee comprises representatives from the ministries of Information and Broadcasting, Home Affairs, Electronics and Information Technology, Women and Child Development, External Affairs, Defence and Law and Justice, besides such other ministries and domain experts as the government may decide. The committee may recommend a range of measures, including warnings, an apology or disclaimer, reclassification or modification of content and, where warranted, deletion or blocking of content under Section 69A of the Information Technology Act. OTT content does not fall within the CBF's certification regime and is regulated under Part III of the IT Rules, 2021. The rules prescribe a Code of Ethics requiring publishers to exercise due caution while publishing content affecting the sovereignty and integrity of India, the

security of the State, friendly relations with foreign countries or public order, among other grounds. However, the operation of the Code of Ethics was stayed by the Bombay High Court in 2021, with the Madras High Court later clarifying that the stay would have a pan-India effect. The rules, however, also contain an emergency provision. Rule 16 provides that in cases of an emergency where no delay is acceptable, an authorised officer may examine the content and determine whether it falls within the grounds specified under Section 69A(1) of the Information Technology Act. If satisfied that blocking the content is necessary and justified, the officer may submit a written recommendation to the Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. Section 69A empowers the government to block online content on grounds including India's sovereignty and integrity, defence, security of the State, friendly relations with foreign States and public order.

BJP leader joins AAP with his supporters

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IN A shot in the arm for Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), former Congress MLA from Sri Hargobindpur, who later joined BJP, Balwinder Singh Laddi, joined the ruling outfit along with his supporters. Laddi was inducted into the party in the presence of senior AAP leader and Punjab Prabhari Manish Sisodia, AAP Punjab President Aman Arora, Cabinet Minister Hardeep Singh Mundian, and CM Bhagwant Mann's OSD Rajbir Singh. Welcoming Laddi into the AAP family, Sisodia said, "The AAP family is expanding continuously as people across Punjab are placing their faith in the honest politics and people-centric governance of the Bhagwant Mann-led government." Arora said the growing support for AAP reflects the people's confidence in the government's transparent administration, development-oriented policies and commitment to the welfare of

every section of society. "Laddi's experience and public connect would further strengthen the party organisation in Punjab," he added. Laddi served as the Congress MLA from Sri Hargobindpur during the 2017-2022 term. He later joined the BJP and served as Chairman of the BJP Panchayati Cell and General Secretary of the BJPSM Morcha before joining AAP. After joining AAP, Laddi said, "I am impressed by the Bhagwant Mann government's transparent governance and development-oriented policies. Punjab needs clean and honest politics, and under the leadership of the CM and the guidance of the party leadership, AAP is working sincerely for the welfare and prosperity of the state." He assured the party leadership that he would work with complete dedication to strengthen the organisation at the grassroots level and take the government's pro-people policies to every household in Punjab.

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