

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

CWP No.2060 of 2015

Date of decision:9.2.2015

Aditya Gupta

....Petitioner

VERSUS

Punjab and Haryana High Court and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HEMANT GUPTA

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

Present: Mr. Kul Bhushan Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

HEMANT GUPTA, J.(Oral)

The challenge in the present writ petition is to the result declared on 29.01.2015 of the Preliminary Haryana Civil Services (Judicial Branch). The preliminary examination, a short-listing examination, was conducted on 10.01.2015 by giving 125 Objective Type Multiple Choice Questions. After putting proposed answer-key on the website, it has been decided to delete five questions out of the total 125 question i.e. Question Nos.70, 90, 94, 118 and 119.

The grievance of the petitioner is that the questions deleted has caused prejudice to the petitioner in as much his three answers out of five to the said questions were correct and therefore, the deletion is arbitrary and not warranted as the answer to the said questions was clear.

Whether a particular answer to a particular question is ambiguous or not or warrants any clarification is a decision which is required to be taken by experts on the basis of various inputs received by them. Once it has been decided to delete five questions, the

deletion is applicable across all candidates. The result is that instead of 125 questions the candidates have been marked out of 120 questions. Thus, it cannot be said that the petitioner has suffered any prejudice since all candidates have been treated at par.

Similar aspect has been examined today in a separate writ petition bearing CWP No.2117 of 2015 titled Ankita Mittal Vs. State of Haryana and others. For the reasons recorded therein, we do not find any merit to the final answer key in respect of such question.

Therefore, we do not find that the result declared warrants any interference in the writ jurisdiction of this Court.

Consequently, the present writ petition is dismissed.

(HEMANT GUPTA)
JUDGE

FEBRUARY 9, 2015
‘D. Gulati’

(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE