

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Civil Writ Petition No.22818 of 2015

Date of decision: 21.10.2015

Sunita Rani

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE G.S.SANDHAWALIA

Present: Mr. Vivek K. Thakur, Advocate for the petitioner.

G.S.SANDHAWALIA, J, (Oral)

Challenge in the present writ petition is to the selection list (Annexure P/11) whereby respondents no.4 to 11 have made the cut whereas the petitioner who was at serial no.3 of the merit list (Annexure P/10) having secured total weightage of 55.5335 did not find herself successful after the interview for the post of Hindi Teacher as per the said selection list.

A perusal of the comparative chart would go on to show that as per the merit list, the candidates from serial no.1 to 9 made the cut except the petitioner who is at serial no.3. Two more candidates climbed up the rank from serial nos. 17 and 28 to make the cut on account of the marks awarded in the interview. It is apparent that though the petitioner was higher in the merit list but apparently has done badly in the interview and therefore, she did not make the cut and was not placed in the list of selected candidates. It is conceded position that 10 marks were awarded for the interview and on account of low gradation in the interview the petitioner has not made the cut. The process of interview is a very objective assessment made by the committee which cannot lightly be interfered with. No malafide has been alleged as such against the members of the Selection Committee. Rather as discussed above, the chart would show that majority of the ones who are meritorious candidates have managed to be successful and only two candidates have climbed up in the rank. In such circumstances, there is no scope for interference in exercise of jurisdiction under Article 226 of the Constitution of India.

Accordingly, the present writ petition is dismissed being bereft of merit.

October 21, 2015

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(G.S.SANDHAWALIA)

Judge