

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

CWP-25548-2015

Date of decision: December 11, 2015

ANISH KAUSHIK

...Petitioner

Versus

UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Ashok Sharma Nabhwala, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Puneet Gupta, Advocate
for the respondent.

LISA GILL, J.(ORAL)

Primary prayer in this writ petition was for permitting the petitioner to participate in the walk in interview to be conducted on 9th December, 2015 for the post of Junior Research Fellow re-designated as Senior Research Fellow. Three posts are to be filled as per the advertisement.

It was contended that prescribed age limit of 35 years was unilaterally reduced by respondent No.3 in violation of the regulations/circulars issued by the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences which is a regulatory body for institutes like respondent No.3. Petitioner was working on the post of Junior Consultant (Ayurveda) on contract basis with the said institute till 15th November, 2015. Due to reduction in the age from 35 to 30 years, petitioner was not permitted to participate in the interview. Institutes all over India are stated to be following prescribed age limit of 35 years for the post in question.

By way of an interim order, petitioner was permitted to participate in the walk in interview held on 9th December, 2015. It was directed that petitioner's result be not declared and be produced in Court in sealed cover.

Pursuant thereto, result has been produced in the sealed cover in Court. Perusal of the same reveals that petitioner has not qualified. It is pointed out that three posts are required to be filled. Out of 12 candidates participating in the interview, petitioner is reflected at Sr. No.7. Three candidates have been selected i.e. No.1-Dr. Satpal, No.2-Dr. Sukhpreet Kaur, No.3-Dr. Suresh Kumar and three other candidates are in the waiting list.

Result has been handed back to learned counsel for the respondents.

In view of the factual matrix as above, question of reduction of age has been rendered academic in nature.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner seeks to withdraw this writ petition with liberty to challenge the selection including the question of reduction of age from 35 to 30 years.

Dismissed as withdrawn with liberty as aforesaid.

December 11, 2015
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JUDGE