

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

**Civil Writ Petition No.16001 of 2016
Date of Decision: 08.08.2016**

Sukhwinder Kaur

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Mansur Ali, Advocate for the petitioner.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (Oral)

The petitioner was an aspirant for recruitment against 10 posts in the Scheduled Castes category out of 100 posts advertised for Rural Sahyogi Teacher (Art and Craft) on contract basis, vide Advertisement dated 09.09.2012 (**Annexure P-1**). The last date for submission of the application forms was 08.10.2012. The basic statutory qualifications required for appointment are Matric or its equivalent along with two years' diploma in Art and Craft. The posts, however, were re-advertised in October, 2014, vide Public Notice (**Annexure P-4** collectively), on account of some inadvertent mistakes having occurred regarding preparation of the data qua the posts of Art and Craft Teachers on an earlier occasion. The requirement of possession of the basic qualifications still remained to be determined as per the last date of the advertisement (**P-1**) i.e. 08.10.2012.

As per the Guidelines for selection, the merit of the applicants was determined on the basis of marks secured by them and their basic essential qualifications and additional marks were allotted on account of their higher qualifications i.e. Graduation, Post Graduation etc. It is averred that the petitioner acquired her Graduation qualification on 19.06.2013 and

selection criteria was compiled in the year 2015 and as per **Annexure P-7**, the petitioner was awarded 61.7305 marks, however, subsequently in the revised merit list of the Scheduled Castes category, 10 persons have been shown as selected, who have secured marks from the range 61.6565 to 59.0023.

Thus, the grievance of the petitioner is that inspite of having secured 61.7305 marks, she has not been shown amongst the selected candidates against 10 advertised vacancies in the Scheduled Castes category.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that a representation dated 19.07.2016 has been made, vide **Annexure P-9** in that regard and his client would be satisfied if the respondents are directed to decide the representation within a time bound manner.

Prayer is reasonable and liable to be accepted.

After hearing learned Counsel for the petitioner, this petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent Nos.1 and 2 to decide the claim of the petitioner, as set out in the representation (**P-9**) within three weeks from the receipt of copy of the writ petition and certified copy of this order so as to avoid creation of 3rd party claim.

Disposed of in the above terms.

August 08, 2016
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(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>No</i>