

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

**Civil Writ Petition No. 24076 of 2014 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 05.12.2016**

Deepak Kumar

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Sardavinder Goyal, Advocate for
for the petitioner.

Mr. Harkesh Manuja, Additional Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondents/State.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner-Deepak Kumar competed for selection and appointment against 461 posts of Inspectors (Grade-B), Food and Supplies Department, published vide advertisement dated 08.10.2013 (**Annexure P-1**) in the General Category. The merit list was to be prepared based on the result of the written examination only. The written test comprised of testing the skills of candidates in Language Proficiency, General Knowledge, Mental Ability/Reasoning, Mathematical Skills and Computer Proficiency. There was a negative marking of 0.25 marks for every wrong answer. The maximum marks were 150 and minimum qualifying marks for candidates of all category were stipulated as 35% of the total marks i.e. 52.5. Due to the number of applicants being voluminous, a corrigendum/public notice was issued, whereby a preliminary test was provided for short listing of candidates equal to five times number of posts in each category for undertaking the final written test, upon which the merit was to be determined. The petitioner undertook the

preliminary test on 15.12.2013 and could not qualify for the main examination.

A bunch of writ petitions was filed including one by the petitioner challenging the result of the preliminary examination which were allowed vide order dated 30.05.2014 passed by this Court (**Annexure P-4**). The result of the preliminary examination was upheld, however, the short listing of the candidates based on that result was ordered to be rescheduled on account of certain discrepancy i.e. some of the candidates of the reserved category having secured marks were directed to be shifted to the General Category in the light of they having more marks in the General Category as well.

Upon such recasting of the result, the short listed candidates were permitted to take the main examination. After disposal of the previous writ petition, filed by the the petitioner, he filed this present petition by making a grievance out of the re-casted/rescheduled result of the preliminary examination. While issuing notice of motion, this Court permitted the petitioner to provisionally undertake the main examination.

It is conceded by the counsel for petitioner that as per the result of the main examination, undertaken by the petitioner on provisional basis, he does not fall within the zone of appointment. Hence, the present petition has become infructuous.

In view of above, the present writ petition stands dismissed as infructuous.

December 05, 2016

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**(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE**

Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether Reportable	No