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

CWP No.25584 of 2015

Date of decision: January 14, 2016

Jaspreet Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SABINA

Present: Mr. Vivek Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. I.P.S. Doabia, Senior Panel Counsel, UOI
for respondent No.1.

Mr. Aayush Gupta, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

SABINA, J

Petitioner has filed this petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to round-off the marks of the petitioner obtained in the main examination conducted by respondent No.2 for the purposes of interview.

The case of the petitioner, in brief, is that respondent No.2 had advertised posts for recruitment of Probationary Officers/Management Trainees. Petitioner applied for the said post in General Category. Petitioner appeared in the preliminary examination and successfully

cleared the same. Thereafter, petitioner was invited for main examination. The result of the petitioner Annexure P-6 reads as under:-

	<i>Reasoning</i>	<i>English Language</i>	<i>Computer Knowledge</i>	<i>General Awareness</i>	<i>Quantitative Aptitude</i>
Maximum Score	50	40	20	40	50
Cutoff Score required for provisional shortlisting of interview for GENERAL	10.00	12.50	12.25	13.75	11.00
Obtained Score	17.25	16.00	13.50	19.75	10.50

Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that, although, the cutoff marks for the main examination have been quantified as 11 but the petitioner has obtained 10.50 marks and in case, the same are rounded-off to 11, petitioner would be eligible to appear for the interview. Learned counsel has further submitted that the petitioner was seeking rounding-off the marks obtained by him in the main examination only for the purposes of the interview.

Learned counsel respondent No.2, on the other hand, has opposed the petition and has submitted that there was no provision for rounding-off the marks obtained by the candidate in the main examination. Since it was a competitive examination, petitioner could be considered for interview only in case, he had obtained the minimum required marks.

In the present case, admittedly, the cutoff score required for provisional shortlisting for interview of General

category is 11 marks. However, petitioner has obtained 10.50 marks. As the Department/respondent No.2 has fixed minimum score required for provisional shortlisting for interview of General candidates, the relief sought by the petitioner cannot be granted to him. There must be many candidates who may have got similar score as the petitioner or may be a little more than the petitioner, but less than the cutoff score. Hence, it would not be just and expedient to grant the relief sought for by the petitioner.

No ground for interference by this Court while exercising jurisdiction under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, is made out.

Dismissed.

(SABINA)
JUDGE

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