

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

**CWP No. 26976 of 2016
Date of Decision : 23.12.2016**

Rekha

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Narinder Singh Behgal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J.(Oral)

The petitioner has sought direction to the respondents to check her OMR Answer Sheet.

The petitioner had applied for the post of PGT (Mathematics) in pursuance to Advertisement No. 4/2015 [Annexure P-1 (Colly)], dated 28.06.2015 issued by the respondents. It is the case of the petitioner that inadvertently she has scratched the answer to one question after she had realised that earlier she had given the wrong answer.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has contended that the petitioner is, otherwise, meritorious candidate and in case her OMR Answer Sheet is checked, she would be obtaining more marks than that obtained by the last candidate in her Category, who has been called for interview.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner.

In the Instructions issued to the candidates before

commencement of the examination, it has been stipulated that any smudging or scratching on the OMR Sheet is strictly prohibited. Instruction No. 8 issued in this regard is reproduced hereunder:-

“Instruction No. 8 : Candidates are warned not to fold or make any stray marks on the OMR Answer Sheet. Use of Eraser, Nail, Blade. While Fluid/Whitener etc. to smudge scratch or damage in any manner on the OMR Sheet during Examination is strictly prohibited. Candidature/OMR Sheet of Candidates using Eraser, Blade, Nail or White Fluids/Whitener to smudge, scratch or damage in any manner the Answer Sheet shall be cancelled.”

It is incumbent upon the candidates to read the Instructions carefully before answering the question paper and any smudging on the part of the examinees, which violates the Instructions, has to be viewed seriously. Therefore, as the petitioner had scratched her answer, the action of the respondents in not evaluating the OMR Answer Sheet, would not call for any interference while exercising writ jurisdiction.

In the result, the petition stands dismissed.

December 23, 2016.

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**(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned? Yes

Whether reportable? No