

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-5438-2015
Date of Decision: October 26, 2016

Rahul Goel and others
.....Petitioners
Versus
The State of Haryana and another
.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SURYA KANT
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDIP AHLUWALIA

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| 1. | Whether speaking/reasoned ? | Yes/No |
| 2. | Whether reportable ? | Yes/No |
| 3. | Whether Reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgment? | Yes/No |
| 4. | To be referred to the Reporters or not? | Yes/No |
| 5. | Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest? | Yes/No. |

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Present: None for the petitioners.

Ms.Palika Monga, DAG, Haryana.

Mr.H.N.Mehtani, Advocate
for HPSC.

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SURYA KANT, J.

The petitioners have laid challenge to the *vires* of Rule 11(1) of the Haryana Civil Service (Executive Branch) Rules 2008, to the extent it provides that both the papers I and II of 'General Studies' and 'Optional' shall be set in English only. They also seek a consequential direction that the question papers in Haryana Civil Service (Executive Branch) and other Allied Services Examination be set in both English and Hindi languages.

Learned State counsel as well as counsel for the Commission have produced Notification dated 05.05.2016 whereby Haryana Civil Service (Executive Branch) Rules 2008 have been amended and as per 'Note' at Sr.No.(ii) of the amended Rule 11(1), both the Question papers of

preliminary examination shall be hitherto set bilingual in English and Hindi.

This would render the writ petition as infructuous.

Ordered accordingly.

However, if the petitioners have any grievance against the selection etc., they shall be at liberty to initiate separate proceedings, if so permissible in law.

(SURYA KANT)
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