

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

LPA No.591 of 2016 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 12.07.2016

Ashok Kumar & Ors.

... Appellants

VS.

State of Punjab & Ors.

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SURYA KANT

HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE DARSHAN SINGH

Present: Mr. BS Bajwa, Advocate for the appellants

SURYA KANT, J. (Oral)

(1) The appellants' claim for appointment to the posts of Master Cadre has been turned down by learned Single Judge vide order under appeal dated 16.03.2016 on the plea that they did not possess the requisite eligibility condition of qualifying the State Teachers Eligibility Test (STET) as on the cut-off date. It is undeniable that 3442 posts of Master cadre were advertised and the last date to apply was 30.05.2011. As the State had not conducted any TET by that time though it was one of the essential eligibility conditions, this Court intervened vide order dated 13.02.2012 passed in CWP No.21301 of 2011 (Gurjinder Singh vs. State of Punjab & Ors.) and directed the State Government to take notice of the anomalous situation. Pursuant thereto, a Corrigendum was issued and all those candidates who had applied were permitted to appear in the STET on 03.07.2011. The appellants were not the candidates who applied in response to the original advertisement nor they qualified the STET held on 03.07.2011, the result whereof was declared on 30.07.2011. They admittedly appeared in the CTET i.e. Central Test held on 05.05.2012, the result of which was declared on 29.05.2012. The qualification was thus earned by the appellants much

after the cut-off date hence the learned Single Judge has rightly turned down their claim to treat them eligible for the advertised posts.

(2) No case to interfere with the order passed by the learned Single Judge is made out.

(3) Dismissed.

(Surya Kant)
Judge

12.07.2016
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(Darshan Singh)
Judge