

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP No.22687 of 2017(O&M)

Date of Decision: 04.10.2017

Mann Singh Bhatti

--Petitioner

Versus

Punjab Public Service Commission
and others

--Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present:- Mr. Arvind Rajotia, Advocate for the petitioner.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.J

Petitioner is stated to be working as Senior Assistant under the Water Supply & Sanitation Department, State of Punjab.

Prayer in the instant petition is to a communication dated 6.9.2017 (Annexure P-8) in terms of which the first respondent i.e. the Punjab Public Service Commission, Patiala (herein after to be referred as the Commission) is contemplating to hold the petitioner ineligible for the Punjab Civil Services (Executive Branch) Examination on account of non-verification of the degree possessed by him. A Writ of Mandamus is also sought to direct the respondent Commission to consider the petitioner as eligible candidate for the aforementioned examination.

Counsel for the petitioner has been heard.

Apparently, advertisement dated 10.12.2016 (Annexure P-1) was issued by the respondent Commission for recruitment to the Punjab Civil Services (Executive Branch) from the source of Register A-II (Ministerial Group A & B). Petitioner applied as in-service candidate. One of the requisite and essential qualifications is a graduation degree.

Petitioner claims to possess a degree certificate of Alternative System Medicines issued by the Indian Board of Alternative Medicines, Kolkata.

The respondent Commission has sought to verify such qualification possessed by the petitioner. Accordingly, a communication was addressed to the employer i.e. the Water Supply & Sanitation Department, State of Punjab, where the petitioner is currently serving.

Placed on record at Annexure P-6 is a letter dated 25.7.2017 addressed to the Registrar, Indian Board of Alternative Medicines, Kolkata on the subject of verification of the degree possessed by the petitioner. The response from the institute from where the petitioner has acquired the qualification is contained at Annexure P-7 and to the following effect:-

“Our senior officials are busy on an official trip.

For this you have to contact us in September, 2017.”

It is also the pleaded case of the petitioner that he had made personal efforts to get a verification certificate from the institute in Kolkata and even such attempt has not born any fruit inasmuch as a response has been received by way of email at Annexure P-10, wherein the institute again has been evasive and has stated that there is a major system break down due to which operational activities are getting delayed.

The essential and basic qualification possessed by the petitioner from the Indian Board of Alternative Medicines, Kolkata having not been verified till date and the authenticity of the same still being under a shadow of doubt, the prayer made in the instant petition cannot be accepted.

Petition, accordingly, is dismissed.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No