

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

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CWP No.2530 of 2017

Date of Decision : 09.02.2017

Suman Lata

..... Petitioner

Versus

Haryana Public Service Commission and others

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : Mr. Anurag Goyal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

AJAY TEWARI, J. (Oral)

By this petition the petitioner is challenging the action of the respondents in not considering her claim for the post of Assistant Professor (Botany).

Brief facts of the case are that the respondent No.1 advertized the posts of Assistant Professor (College Cadre) in various subjects by advertisement Annexure P-1. The petitioner appeared in a written test and by advertisement Annexure P-3 the result was declared and the petitioner was successful. At the end of that advertisement whereby the result was declared the following note was given:-

hard copies of their online application forms alongwith self attested copies of their certificates/supporting documents to the Commission's office addressed to the Secretary, HPSC, Bays No.1-10, Block-B, Sector 4, Panchkula (Haryana) through registered post or by personal delivery at reception within 15 days from the date of publication of the result in the newspapers failing which their candidature will not be considered for this recruitment.”

It is the contention of the learned counsel that unfortunately the petitioner became afflicted with severe back problem and on the very date the result was declared she actually left for Coimbatore for the purpose of her treatment and consequently she neither read the newspaper nor accessed the website and resultantly she did not come to know that she had cleared the test and that she had to submit the hard copy of her online application within 15 days from the date of publication of the result in the newspaper.

On an identical issue I had dismissed a writ petition bearing CWP No.1379 of 2017 titled as ***Rekha Jangra vs. The State of Haryana and others*** on 30.01.2017 and I put it to the learned counsel that this case would have to be dismissed in the same terms. He however states that in this case there is further issue which has been raised and that issue is with regard to the reasonableness of the condition prescribing 15 days'

time for submitting the hard copy. As per him the purpose of submission of hard copy is only to verify the credentials of the candidate and it can well be done on the date of the interview. In my opinion, this argument would also have to be taken to be covered by the arguments raised in Rekha Jangra's case (supra) and consequently I find no reason to take a different view.

Consequently, the petition stands dismissed in the same terms as the case of Rekha Jangra (supra).

Since the main case has been decided, the pending civil miscellaneous application, if any, also stands disposed of.

February 09, 2017
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(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned - Yes/No

Whether reportable - Yes/No