

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

**CWP-11028-2014 (O&M)
Date of decision : 21.08.2018**

Vikram Narula

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

Punjab Public Service Commission

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN

Present: Mr. Surinder Garg, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Kanica Sachdeva, AAG, Punjab.

JITENDRA CHAUHAN, J.

The petitioner has laid claim to the post in question under the 'Sports Person, Punjab' category on the basis of Sports Gradation Certificate issued by the Sports Directorate, Punjab (Annexure P-1). He has been graded as 'B' Grade player (representing Schools, Punjab State) in Cricket as the petitioner's team had secured third place in National Championship.

On the other hand, learned State counsel refers to clause 11.5 of the general information for the candidates (Annexure P-3), to contend that the petitioner is ineligible to claim reservation under the Sports Person category.

Heard.

Clause 11.5 of the general information for the candidates for the post of Veterinary Officer (Annexure P-3) reads as under:-

“11.5 SPORTS PERSON (PUNJAB)

A candidate can claim reservation under the Sports Person category only if:

- (i) He/She belongs to State of Punjab; and
 - a) He/She has won National Championship in team or individual events while representing the State of Punjab in such sports events as have been conducted by such respective National Federations as are affiliated to the Indian Olympic Association; or
 - b) He/She has won National Championship in team or individual events which are organized by the Indian Olympic Association; or
 - c) He/She has won first, second or third position in team or individual events and/or he has won Gold or Silver or Bronze Medal, at International Sports meets, conducted by International Federations affiliated to the International Olympic Committee or by the International Olympic Committee itself.
- (ii) XXX
- (iii) XXX
- (iv) XXX”

A plain reading of the Annexure P-3 makes it abundantly clear

that the petitioner is not eligible to be considered in the category against which he has applied. Admittedly, the petitioner had secured third place in a National Championship but the same is not covered under the definition of sports person. Therefore, his candidature has been rightly rejected. No other point is argued.

In view of the above discussion, this Court is of the considered opinion that the instant petition is devoid of any merit and the same is, hereby, dismissed.

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(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)
JUDGE

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