

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

**Civil Writ Petition No.15048 of 2018
Decided on : 01.06.2018**

Rinku Goyal

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.S. SANDHAWALIA

Present : Mr. Rakesh Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner.

G.S. Sandhawalia, J. (Oral)

The challenge in the present writ petition is to the answer key regarding Question No.2 in the examination paper for appointment to the post of Clerk, which was held against the Advertisement No.4/2016 (Annexure P-1). As per result, which was declared on 17.05.2018 (Annexure P-6), the petitioner had obtained 32 marks and the qualifying marks for recruitment to the post of Clerk was 33. He had raised objection to the answer key for Question No.2, which reads as under:-

“2. What is the meaning of 'Punjab'?

A. Area of Rivers.

B. Flow of rivers.

C. State of Five Rivers

D. A State of India.”

He had marked option 'B', which is 'Flow of Five Rivers' and it is contended that the said option is correct, whereas as per the answer key supplied by the respondent-department the correct answer is option 'C', which is 'State of Five Rivers'.

Even as per the General Knowledge Digest, which had been attached by the petitioner as Annexure P-11, the meaning of word Punjab has been held as under:-

“Word Punjab has been made by adding two words Panj-Aab: The mean of Aab is Water. In this manner, Punjab is the land of five waters meaning thereby land of five rivers.”

As per the answer key also whereby option 'C' has been held seems to be the correct option and, thus, the option 'B' does not seem to be a better option for the said question. Merely because the petitioner had opted for option 'B' would not entitle him to challenge the answer key on this ground.

Even reliance upon the General Knowledge Digest which has been reproduced above would go on to show that the meaning of Punjab is 'Land of Five Rivers', which is a description of undivided Punjab, in which five rivers flow. In such circumstances, the option given in the answer key seem to be correct as such and *ex facie* does not suffer from any infirmity, which would warrant interference by this Court.

The present writ petition is, accordingly, dismissed in limine.

JUNE 01, 2018
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(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No