

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

CWP No.22328 of 2018
DATE OF DECISION : 11th DECEMBER, 2018

Digvijay Singh

.... **Petitioner**

Versus

State of Haryana and others

.... **Respondents**

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE A. B. CHAUDHARI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL**

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Present : Mr. Himanshu Arora, Advocate for the petitioner.
Mr. Vivek Saini, Deputy Advocate General, Haryana.
Mr. H. N. Mehtani, Advocate for respondent No.3-HPSC.

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A. B. CHAUDHARI, J. (Oral)

Rule.

Heard forthwith with consent of counsel for the rival parties.

The grievance made in the present petition by the petitioner is that though he is domicile of the State of Haryana vide domicile certificate, he is being treated as the person belonging to the U.T. Chandigarh. The reason for saying so is that he participated in the sports representing Chandigarh U.T. The grievance is that he should be treated as a sports person at par with the candidates of Haryana.

This Court *prima facie* found that the issue involved was really serious in the sense that the State of Haryana had denied the status of a sports person to the petitioner only on the ground that he represented the U.T. Chandigarh and not the State of Haryana.

In response to the order made by this Court on 12.10.2018, a reply/affidavit has been filed by Ms. Sunita Sharma, Joint Director

Sports, Department of Sports & Youth Affairs, Haryana, Panchkula on behalf of respondents No.1 and 2. The same is taken on record.

Following is the gist of the reply in para 3 which we quote hereunder:

“3. That it is submitted that the State Government has since amended the policy regarding issue of Sport Gradation Certificates vide notification dated 15.11.2018 (Annexure R-1). As per the amended notification, the eligibility criteria has been modified and all sportspersons who are domiciles/residents of Haryana are eligible.”

Clause 3 of the notification mentioned in the above said paragraph reads thus:

“3. Eligibility:

The sportsperson is domicile/resident of Haryana.”

We must really appreciate the remedial measure adopted by the State of Haryana quickly, having realized that there was a goof up. We accept the statement made hereinabove in para 3 as well as in the notification.

Rule is disposed of accordingly.

No order as to costs.

(A. B. CHAUDHARI)
JUDGE

11th December, 2018
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(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes* *No*

Whether Reportable: *Yes* *No*