

**Sr. No.116
IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CWP No.23222 of 2018 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 17.12.2018

Arti

... Petitioner

Versus

The State of Punjab and others

... Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present:- Mr. Sunil Agnihotri, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

ARUN MONGA, J.(ORAL)

The present writ petition has been filed, *inter alia*, seeking direction to respondent No.2 to decide the representation dated 01.08.2018 (Annexure P-6). Representation is premised on the ground that the petitioner having higher qualifications and even otherwise being more meritorious has been ignored for selection to the post of 'Anganwadi Worker' by respondent No.2.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that petitioner is having degrees of B.A., B.Ed. & M.Ed. She applied for the post of Anganwadi Worker pursuant to the advertisement dated 25.05.2018 (Annexure P-1) advertised by the Office of the District Programme Officer, Hoshiarpur. It was stated therein that the criteria for selection was based on the educational qualifications.

3. On coming to know that persons with lesser educational qualifications were appointed whereas the petitioner was ignored, the petitioner sought information under RTI. She requested for disclosing the criteria of making the merit list at the time of selection

vis a vis marks to be allotted for the educational certificates. She specifically sought information with regard to grant of marks for Masters of Education (M.Ed.) In response thereto, office of the Child Development Project Officer replied that there is no column for grant of marks obtained in Masters of Education Degree (M.Ed.) in the merit proforma given by the department.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the rejection of the petitioner merely on the ground that there is no column for higher education provided in the merit determination proforma is patently illegal, unreasonable and arbitrary. Especially, when the only criteria for selection is educational qualifications of the candidates. In view thereof, the petitioner submitted a representation dated 01.08.2018 (Annexure P-6) which has not been adverted to by the respondents till date.

5. In the circumstances, the present writ petition can be disposed of without issuance of notice and any further proceedings or pleadings.

6. Respondent No.2-The District Programme Officer, Hoshiarpur is directed to take a decision and pass a speaking order keeping in view the contentions of learned counsel for the petitioner as noted above as also the submissions in the representation already submitted by the petitioner. Needful be done within a period of 02 months from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

7. Disposed of.

(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

17.12.2018

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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No