

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.5170 of 2018

Date of Decision: 06.03.2018

Pardeep

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

... Respondents

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV NARAIN RAINA**

Present: Mr. Shvetanshu Goel, Advocate,  
for the petitioner.

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**RAJIV NARAIN RAINA, J.(Oral)**

1. Twelve vacancies of Assistant Town Planner were advertised to be filled in the Town & Country Planning Department, Haryana under advertisement No.7 of December 19, 2015 on a requisition sent by the Government of Haryana to the Haryana Public Service Commission.

2. The petitioner appeared in the written examination but has not been called for interview. It appears from the case file that decision was taken for short listing candidates three times the number of vacancies, that is,  $12 \times 3 = 36$ . Nine of the general category candidates have been rejected on account of non-submission of Printed/Hard Copy of online application form along with required documents. The list of rejected candidates is in List- I and in List-II are candidates who did not act within the stipulated period i.e. on or before January 28, 2016. List-III is of cases rejected for various other reasons.

3. As a result, nine candidates have been excluded from the list of candidates to be called for interview. Accordingly, only 27 candidates have qualified for interview.

4. It is the contention of the petitioner that at least 36 candidates should be called for interview and opportunity should be given to 9 more candidates, which if directed, may bring the name of the petitioner in the zone of consideration for interview. However, the facts are not known and, therefore, it would be premature to express opinion as to the mode adopted in restricting the competition to 27 candidates. If there are reasons justifying the action then it would be in the fitness of things that the Haryana Public Service Commission should take up the representation of the petitioner (Annex P-7) and inform him the reason why the petitioner has not been called for interview.

5. Accordingly, the petition is disposed of with a direction to the Commission to take a decision within three days of supply of certified copy of the order and convey the same to the petitioner at his e-mail address given in the online application form.

6. With these observations and directions, the petition stands disposed of.

7. Order dasti.

(RAJIV NARAIN RAINA)  
JUDGE

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*Whether speaking/reasoned* Yes

*Whether reportable* No