

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

**CWP No. 8302 of 2018
Date of decision: 4.4.2018**

Ram Pal Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI

Present: Mr. Jagbir Malik, Advocate
for the petitioner.

ARUN PALLI, J. (Oral)

Notice of motion.

Mr. R.K. Doon, AAG., Haryana, present in court, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 3, and Mr. Kanwal Goyal, Advocate, accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.4. Copies supplied.

In the nature of order I propose to pass, no formal written statement(s)/counter-affidavit(s) on behalf of the respondents are indeed necessary at this stage. Thus, with the consent of the learned counsel for the parties, the petition is being disposed of finally.

Contentends, inter alia, that in terms of the advertisement, dated 30.1.2018 (Annexure P-8), for a candidate to be eligible to compete for selection to the post of Senior Scientific Officer, he/she should not be below 20 years and more than 45 years of age as on 1.2.2018. Whereas, proviso to Rule 5 of the Haryana Forensic Science (Group B), Service Rules, 1980, does not postulate any upper age limit for in service regular government

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employees. And, thus the petitioner, who is employed as Scientific Assistant, was fully eligible to apply and compete for selection, even though he was 45 years and 10 days old on 1.2.2018. It is urged that interviews are yet to take place.

In response, learned counsel for the respondents submit that claim/grievance of the petitioner shall be considered and dealt with by the respondents within a period of two weeks from today, and in any case before the interviews are held. And appropriate orders, in accordance with law, shall be passed and communicated to the petitioner.

The petition is accordingly disposed of, in the above terms. Needles to assert that in the event, the claim of the petitioner is declined, the authority shall pass a comprehensive order assigning reasons in support thereof.

4.4.2018

AK Sharma

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned:

YES

Whether Reportable:

NO