

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

CWP No.9007 of 2018
Date of decision: 03.05.2018

Inderjit Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

Chandigarh Administration and another

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI

Present: Ms. Harpreet Kaur, Advocate for
Mr. KK Goel, Advocate for the petitioner.

ARUN PALLI, J. (Oral)

The petitioner seeks a writ in the nature of certiorari to quash the order dated 24.03.2018 (Annexure P9), vide which his representation so as to afford another chance to appear in the typing test, has since been declined.

The facts that are required to be noticed are limited.

The Higher Education Department UT, Chandigarh was designated as Nodal Department to fill up 253 posts of Clerks for various departments of UT Chandigarh. The work of conducting the written examination/typing/shorthand tests was assigned to the Society for Centralized Recruitment of Staff in Subordinate Courts (for short, 'the Society'). Resultantly, the Society fixed the dates for calling the candidates on specified dates to appear for the tests, which were duly notified through its official website. In response, many candidates, including the petitioner, furnished their application forms to compete for selection. The petitioner

qualified the written examination. Three rounds of typing test on computer and shorthand test in English were conducted by calling candidates three times the number of vacancies advertised. And pursuant to the orders of the competent authority, all the remaining candidates, who had qualified the written examination, were called to appear in the 4th and final round of typing test that was slated to take place from 1st to 3rd September, 2017. Public notice as regards the schedule for typing tests was published in four leading newspapers on 12.08.2017 & 13.08.2017. Additionally, the information was uploaded on the official website of the Department as well as the Society on 16.08.2017. Records show that out of the list of 3749 candidates, 2410 candidates indeed appeared for computer typing test held on 1st 2nd & 3rd September, 2017. Concededly, the petitioner failed to appear in the said test and subsequently moved a representation, dated 13.10.2017, to the Administration to grant him another chance to qualify the said test. The case set out by the petitioner is that; it was owing to the disturbed law and order situation during the relevant time, he could not be present on the specified date for the test.

In conspectus of the above, the only and the inevitable conclusion one could reach; that the schedule for the typing tests, held on 1st, 2nd & 3rd September, 2017, was duly published/notified in various newspapers, was uploaded on the website of the Society, as also the Department, as also vide E-mails and text messages. Majority of the candidates responded thereto and appeared in the test. Thus, if for any reason, the petitioner did not appear on the specified date he has none else to blame than his own-self. Apparently, the petitioner has been negligent. Even otherwise, granting another chance to him to appear in the typing test

would entail multiple complications, for all those candidates who too did not appear in the test, would also claim a second chance.

That being so, this Court is dissuaded to interfere in exercise of extraordinary writ jurisdiction under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India. The petition being devoid of merit is accordingly dismissed.

03.05.2018
Rajan

(Arun Palli)
Judge

Whether speaking / reasoned:	YES
Whether Reportable:	NO