

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 9637 of 2018

Date of Decision: 25.04.2018

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...Petitioner

Vs.

Haryana Staff Selection Commission

...Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Saurabh Dalal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Shruti Jain Goyal, AAG Haryana.

RAJIV NARAIN RAINA, J. (Oral)

1. The total number of candidates who applied for the post of Steno Typist (English) were 25192. The respondent Commission issued roll Nos. to 21237 candidates. Of them only 4,820 candidates appeared in the written examination and all of them have been called for the Steno Typist English Examination (STEE). It is explained by the learned Law Officer that it is only after the result of the STEE is declared that the cut off in the written examination will be determined. This appears to be fair procedure adopted and I have no reason to interfere in this case on the sole ground that the cut off should have been applied on the written test/online computer examination which carries 200 marks in the selection criteria and then candidates are called for the STEE.

2. If the method suggested by the petitioner is followed it

would serve the equal opportunity principle in Article 16 (1) of the Constitution. If the marks in the written examination are made public at this stage then the confidentiality of the selection process and interview will be jeopardized. If the advertisement does not speak of a cut off, the Commission would be will within its rights to maintain purity of the selection process in not fixing the cut off at this stage. Cut off will be known only after the qualifying STEE results are published.

3. Accordingly, I have no reason to interfere. The petition is dismissed.

(RAJIV NARAIN RAINA)
JUDGE

25.04.2018

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Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes*
Whether reportable : *No*