

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

**LPA No. 1055 of 2018 (O&M)
Date of decision: 13.7.2018**

Rinku Goyal

... Appellant

Versus

State of Punjab and another

... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KRISHNA MURARI,
CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI**

Present: Mr. Rakesh Gupta, Advocate
for the appellant.

KRISHNA MURARI, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

This appeal under Clause X of the Letters Patent has been filed by the petitioner-appellant challenging judgment and order dated 1.6.2018, passed by the learned Single Judge.

The appellant-petitioner approached this Court by filing instant writ petition challenging the answer key of question No.2 in an examination for appointment to the post of Clerk. The disputed question was, 'what is the meaning of Punjab?' There were four options and the petitioner-appellant marked option 'B' which was flow of rivers. According to the petitioner-appellant, that was the correct answer. However, the learned Single Judge, on an analysis of the word 'Punjab' and also referring to the General Knowledge Digest, came to the conclusion that word 'Punjab', has been derived by adding two words, i.e. Panj-Aab: the meaning of Panj is five and Aab is water. It was concluded that the correct answer was 'C', which was State of Five Rivers.

LPA No. 1055 of 2018 (O&M)

-2-

Learned counsel for the petitioner-appellant vehemently contended that none of the answers were correct. We are not inclined to accept the submission made by learned counsel for the petitioner-appellant. On a plain reading of word 'Punjab', the logical conclusion comes out to be 'five rivers', and thus, the answer 'C', i.e. State of Five Rivers, shown in the answer key, is the correct answer and the learned Single Judge rightly arrived at the conclusion. Thus, the impugned order does not call for any interference.

The appeal is devoid of merits and accordingly stands dismissed.

**(KRISHNA MURARI)
CHIEF JUSTICE**

**(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE**

July 13, 2018
AK Sharma

Whether speaking / reasoned:	YES
Whether Reportable:	NO