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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

COC-374-2018
Date of decision: 13.09.2019

MEENAKSHI DEVI

.. PETITIONER

VERSUS

SUKHDEV SINGH KAHLON

.. RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr. S. S. Sodhi, Advocate for
Mr. Pardeep Singh Mirpur, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Deepali Puri, Addl. AG, Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J. (Oral)

Writ petition was filed by the petitioners challenging six questions in Punjab State Teacher Eligibility Test (PSTET) Examination Paper-II held for 2016, was disposed of with the directions to the respondent to refer the questions to an independent body to take a final decision on or before 03.10.2017. The present contempt petition has been filed stating that the needful was not done.

Pursuant to notice of motion, a reply was filed. The operative part of the reply is reproduced below:-

“4. That it is respectfully submitted that in due compliance to the order dated 22.09.2017 the Department had constituted an expert body. Further it is submitted that challenged question no. 31, 33, 95, 113, 119 & 140 of Question Booklet Series-2 in writ petition 10597 titled as Jaswant Kaur Vs State of Punjab were placed before the expert committee. As per the report of the expert committee

the Punjab State Teacher Eligibility Test-2016 was revised and revised result was uploaded on website on 24.10.2017. Thus the orders of Hon'ble High Court have thus been complied in full letter and spirit.

5. That further it is most respectfully submitted before the Hon'ble the High Court that question No. 49 which was challenged in writ petition no. 4721 of 2017 titled as Savneet Kaur Vs. State of Punjab was also kept before the above said committee in compliance to the order dated 29-09-2017 of this Hon'ble Court and grace mark against this question has already been extended to the entitled candidates."

As per the reply, six questions which were challenged by the petitioner and 07th question, which was subject matter of another writ petition, were referred to the Expert Committee and as per report of the Expert Committee the revised result was uploaded on 24.10.2017.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that there is a grievance with regard to the uploaded revised result for which he seeks liberty to avail remedies in accordance with law.

In view of the fact that the directions of this Court, i.e. referring the questions under challenge to the Expert Committee, have been complied with and the revised result has been uploaded, no cause of action survives.

The contempt petition is disposed of with liberty as prayed for by the learned counsel for the petitioner.

Rule issued against the respondent is discharged.

13th September, 2019
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(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

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