

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No.237

CWP-4897-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision : 28.2.2020

SPDM Senior Secondary School, Saragthal, Tehsil Gohana, District
Sonepat, Haryana

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

Board of School Education Haryana, Bhiwani through its
Chairman/Secretary

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Sudhanshu Makkar, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Vaibhav Gupta, Advocate for

Mr. K.K. Gupta, Advocate, for the respondent.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner-school is aggrieved because its application for
creation of an examination centre in its premises has been rejected.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that an application
dated 18.11.2019 was submitted for creating an examination centre in the
petitioner-school. It was supported by a request of the local Gram Panchayat
and was also signed by the heads of other schools of the village.

The application was recommended by the District Education
Officer concerned and consequently, an inspection was conducted on
25.1.2020. Certain deficiencies were pointed out. The deficiencies have been
removed and communication dated 6.2.2020 has been sent in this regard.
However, the school of the petitioner has not been considered for the
examination centre.

Learned counsel for the respondent submits that the
petitioner-school was nominated as an examination centre in March-2017.

However, on account of large scale outside interference during the examination, it has since not been notified as an examination centre. During the inspection conducted in the year 2019, deficiencies came to light and therefore, the application of the petitioner could not be acted upon. The deficiencies may have been removed now, but the same can only be confirmed after a fresh inspection. Examinations are due to commence on 3.3.2020 and no time is left to notify a new examination centre. Admit cards have already been issued to the students and any change, at this stage, would cause mass confusion. However, the petitioner-school shall be considered for the next examination due in the year 2021, as per the rules. The explanation of learned counsel for the respondent is plausible and logical. The same is accordingly accepted. It would not be in anybody's interest to interfere with the examination process, at this stage. Thus, the prayer of the petitioner cannot be granted.

The writ petition is accordingly, dismissed. However, the petitioner-school shall be at liberty to apply for the next examination.

(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE

28.2.2020

Ramandeep Singh

Whether speaking / reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes/ No