

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

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**CWP No.7058 of 2021
Decided on : 16.09.2021**

Ranjana and others

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Haryana and others

... Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.S. SANDHAWALIA

Present: Mr. Ajay Kirpal Singh, Advocate for
Mr. Aman Pal, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Harish Kumar Nain, AAG, Haryana.

(The proceedings are being conducted through video
conferencing, as per instructions.)

G.S. Sandhawalia, J. (Oral)

Challenge in the present writ petition filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India is to the cut-off-date of 21.08.2006 which had been fixed in the Advertisement for appointment against the post of Art & Craft Teachers.

It is not disputed that the selection was completed at the initial stage against the said advertisement and the result was declared on 25.03.2010. The same was set aside in **CWP No.18482 of 2010 'Suman Kumari Vs. The State of Haryana and others'** decided on 20.02.2015 (Annexure P-3). **LPA No.359 of 2015** filed against the said judgment was dismissed on 10.11.2020 (Annexure P-4) upholding the said order. Thereafter, **SLP No.14481 of 2020** was also dismissed on 14.12.2020 (Annexure P-5).

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In view of the directions issued by the Division Bench, fresh advertisement was issued on 28.12.2020 and since the earlier candidates had to be permitted to take part in the selection process and the criteria had to remain the same. The cut-off-date had thus cannot be altered at this stage, after the whole selection had been completed at one stage.

In such circumstances, the petitioners cannot as such seek quashing of the same as they could only seek consideration against the advertisement. It is for the respondents as such to prescribe the same which they had initially done way-back in 2006. The said selection process is being held in pursuance of the directions of the Division Bench which had directed that the selection process be held again, as had been directed in the case of **'Ramjit Singh Kardam and others Vs. Sanjeev Kumar and others', 2020 (2) SCT 491** in case of PTIs. Accordingly, the petitioners cannot challenge the cut off date after over a decade has gone by since the first selection was completed in 2010.

Resultantly, there is no merit in the present writ petition and the same is dismissed.

September 16, 2021
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(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No