

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

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**CWP-7072-2021 (O&M)
Date of decision: 25.03.2021**

DHEER ANUSH SINGH BHATTI

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present:- Mr. Shashank Shekhar Sharma, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Maloo Chahal, DAG, Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J.

The petitioner after having applied pursuant to the recruitment notice dated 08.12.2020 under Lineal Descendants of Ex-Servicemen category prays for issuance of a writ in the nature of certiorari to quash the provisionally short-listed candidates for mains examination. The petitioner applied pursuant to a recruitment notice inviting applications for Punjab Civil Services (Executive Branch) and Allied Services. As per the advertisement, certain percentage of posts were reserved for Ex-Servicemen/Lineal Descendants of Ex-Servicemen. The petitioner appeared in the preliminary examination, result whereof was declared on 13.02.2021.

The petitioner claims that as per the advertisement, 11 posts have been reserved for the Ex-Servicemen/Lineal Descendants of Ex-Servicemen category. He submits that the benefit is being conferred on the Ex-Servicemen and not on the Lineal Descendants of Ex-Servicemen. It is not in dispute that the main examination is still to be held.

Unless and until, the selection is final, it is not possible to conclude whether the authorities have strictly followed the advertisement or the rules or instructions on this aspect.

The petitioner claims that only Ex-Servicemen candidates are being preferred, whereas, the reservation is for both the Ex-Servicemen and the Lineal Descendants of Ex-Servicemen. However, as per the note (1b) of Clause 11, it is apparent that the Lineal Descendants of Ex-Servicemen will be considered against the vacancies of Ex-Servicemen only if no Ex-Servicemen are available.

In view thereof, there is no ground to issue the writ as prayed for.

Dismissed.

25.03.2021

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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No