

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

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CWP-14903-2020

Date of decision: 19.02.2021

KAVITA RANI

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND ANOTHER

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present : Mr. Sandeep Berwal, Advocate for the petitioner.
Ms. Kirti Singh, DAG, Haryana.
Mr. Sunil Dhanda, Advocate for
Mr. Deepak Manchanda, Advocate for respondent No.2.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (Oral)

The petitioner disputes the correctness of answer key of question No.95 which is extracted as under:-

95. The decline of Mughal school of painting started in the period of:

1. Dara Shikoh
2. Akabar
3. Aurangzeb
4. Shahjahan

As per the answer key, option No.3 i.e. Aurangzeb is the correct answer. Respondents have pleaded that proposed answer key was uploaded and objections were invited and the petitioner did submit objections alongwith other candidates which were referred to an expert committee on the subject. As per their opinion, revised answer key was uploaded.

Hon'ble the Supreme Court in **UPPSC VS. Rahul Singh and anr., 2018(7) SCC 254** has held that the Court cannot sit in appeal over the opinion given by the experts. The Judges cannot take on the role of experts in academic matters. No doubt, it has been provided that if a candidate demonstrates that the answer is patently wrong then in such exceptional cases, the Court can enter into the academic field.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that various authors have written that the correct answer to the aforesaid question is Shahjahan. In support thereof, he relies upon the books written by various authors.

After having heard learned counsel for the parties at length, this Bench is of the considered view that in the facts of the case, it is not possible to conclude that the answer as suggested by the experts is patently wrong.

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

19.02.2021
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

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