

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP No.2570 of 2022 (O&M)
Date of Decision:10.02.2022

Ram Niwas

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

..... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr.Vikram Sheoran, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Samarth Sagar, Addl.AG., Haryana.

LISA GILL, J(Oral).

This matter is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of the pandemic, COVID-19.

Grievance raised by the petitioner is that he was duly selected for the post of PGT Chemistry and his candidature was recommended by respondent no.2 and the petitioner was called for verification of documents on 04.01.2021. Scrutiny was carried out. It is submitted that similarly situated candidates were issued appointment letters, but the same was denied to the petitioner. When the petitioner made enquiries, he was orally told that as he has secured his qualification from a University of another State, appointment is not being afforded. Learned counsel submits that another candidate who has secured qualification from the same University i.e., Manonmaniam Sundaranar University (MS University) Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu, stands appointed by the respondents. Reference is made to the information received by the petitioner through the Right to Information Act, Annexure P-6. It is further submitted that representation dated 28.01.2022,

Annexure P-5, was also submitted by the petitioner to the Director Department of Secondary Education Haryana, but to no avail.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Samarth Sagar, Addl.AG., Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and on instructions from Sh. Ashok Sharma, Assistant PGT-Branch, Department of Secondary Education, Haryana, submits that appointment letter has been withheld, at this stage, in view of Communication dated 22.09.2021 received from the University Grants Commission in respect to the Technical and Professional programmes offered by the university in question through distance mode. The matter, it is submitted is under consideration. Advance copy of the writ petition stands supplied.

In this view of the matter, at this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner restricts the prayer for a decision on the petitioner's representation dated 28.01.2022, Annexure P-5, in a time bound manner.

Learned counsel for the respondents does not raise any serious objection to the restricted prayer.

Keeping in view the limited prayer addressed, facts and circumstances of the case but without expressing any opinion on the merits thereof, this writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority, to decide representation dated 28.01.2022, Annexure P-5, submitted by the petitioner definitely within a period of six (06) weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

10.02.2022

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[LISA GILL]
Judge

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