

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-17320-2022

Date of Decision: 08.08.2022

SANDEEP

...Petitioner

Versus

HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present : Mr. Ajay Chaudhary, Advocate
and Ms. Jai Shree Kaushik, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Pankaj Middha, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner herein, *inter alia*, seeks issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the respondents to accept his fee for Common Entrance Test, for which he has applied vide Registration No.1819239.

2. Petitioner, an aspirant of a job, either in Group 'C' or 'D' as per advertisement No.CET-01/2022 dated 17.06.2022, applied for the same and his candidature was duly registered at No.1819239 on 09.07.2022. As on that day, the requisite fee for the Common Entrance Test was to be deposited on or before 15.07.2022. Petitioner being a resident of Village Kakrod, Tehsil and District Jind, Haryana, a rural area having poor or sometimes no internet connectivity, was unable to make the online payment each time he tried, due to technical errors. All his attempts remained futile. Subsequently, he made a request vide an e-mail dated 15.07.2022, asking the respondent-Commission to accept the fee for the entrance test through alternative mode and in response, vide email dated 15.07.2022 (Annexure P-5), he was asked to change his e-mail ID and then attempt afresh to pay online. However, when the petitioner tried to change the E-mail ID, he discovered that there

was no procedure to change the E-mail ID once filled in the online application form.

3. Resultantly, the petitioner could not change the E-mail ID and, exasperated by the cumbersome procedure, he filed representation dated 15.07.2022 (Annexures P-6) when the fee were still being accepted. But the representation also fell to the deaf ears as no response thereto was received. In the interregnum, when the petitioner did not hear from the Commission, he once again submitted another representation dated 25.07.2022 (Annexure P-7). It was then that he was conveyed that no fee can now be accepted at this stage, since the portal had been closed.

4. On advance service, learned State counsel appears and on a Court query, apprises that after acceptance of the fee, no date of entrance test has yet been notified and the process is still underway.

5. In the premise, given the nature of order being passed, no prejudice would be caused to the respondents.

6. The instant writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent-Haryana Staff Selection Commission to accept the entrance fee of the petitioner qua the entrance test, either in cash or by way of postal order and/or demand draft, within a period of one week of his approaching the Commission in person. He shall be allowed to participate in the slated common entrance test thereafter.

7. Disposed of accordingly.

August 08, 2022

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No