

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

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CWP-17556-2018

Date of Decision: 23.08.2022

Abhinav Sharma

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE G.S.SANDHAWALIA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL**

Present: Mr. Karan Bhardwaj, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Abhay Pal Singh Gill, DAG, Punjab

G.S.SANDHAWALIA, J. (Oral)

Challenge in the writ petition is to the Notification dated 03.01.2014 issued by the Punjab Public Service Commission vide which the syllabus and procedure for conducting the combined State Civil Services Competitive Examination have been prescribed making paper-II Civil Services Aptitude Test (CSAT) a competitive examination.

The claim on behalf of the petitioner is that CSAT should be qualifying exam and thus the challenge has been made to Rules. It is not disputed that advertisement dated 21.03.2018 (Annexure P-2) had been issued in which the petitioner has also applied and appeared in the preliminary examination held on 22.07.2018. The stand of the State is that the petitioner has no right to challenge the sanctity of advertisement or challenge notification. Further, the stand of the State is that it is the prerogative of the State to frame independent Rules for the statutory body like Punjab Public Service Commission and it has taken a independent

decision on such matter and is not bound to follow the pattern of the Rules framed by other States or Union Public Service Commission.

Counsel for the petitioner is not in a position to assist as to whether the petitioner cleared the examination or not since considerable time has gone by, and he is not in touch with him.

In these circumstances, we are of the considered view that the petitioner has lost interest in the litigation. Accordingly, the petition is disposed of as having been rendered infructuous.

(G.S.SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>