

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

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CWP-177-2023

Date of decision: 09.01.2023

SUKHVINDER PAL AND OTHERS

..Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Prince Goyal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Charanpreet Singh, AAG, Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J(Oral)

The petitioners pray for issuance of a writ in the nature of certiorari to quash the impugned merit list dated 18.11.2022. In substance, the petitioner states that the revised answer key uploaded by the authority with respect to certain questions is not correct. These questions pertain to the subject of mathematics. It is evident that initially the answer key was published on 23.09.2022 while granting liberty to the candidates to file their objections. After the objections were considered, a fresh answer key was uploaded on 17.11.2022 which is the basis of the merit list dated 18.11.2022. Sh. Prince Goyal, Advocate, contends that the objections made by the candidates have not been considered. The case was taken up in the pre-lunch session and the learned counsel representing the State of Punjab was requested to take instructions from the concerned authority. In the post-lunch session, he has stated that the objections made by the candidates have been considered by the subject experts and, thereafter, a revised answer key has been published by the authority.

Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Vikas Kumar Gupta Vs. State of Rajasthan (2021) 12 SCC 309 and Ranvijay Singh Vs. State of Uttar Pradesh (2018) 2 SCC 357*, has held that the scope of interference in such kind of situation is very narrow. Once the objections to the answer key have been considered by the subject experts, the Court is not expected to substitute its opinion on a subject purely to be determined by the subject experts.

Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, no ground to issue the writ as prayed for, is made out.

Dismissed.

All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, are also disposed of.

January 09th, 2023

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**(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE**

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