

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

(220-6)

CWP-4518-2021

Date of Decision : July 27, 2023

Savita

.. Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

.. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. D.S. Patwalia, Senior Advocate, with
Mr. Gaurav Rana, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Jagbir Malik, Addl. Advocate General, Haryana.

Dr. Neha Awasthi, Advocate, for respondent No.2-HPSC.

Mr. Ravinder Malik (Ravi), Advocate, for respondent No.4.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

1. Learned senior counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that in the present case, the claim of the petitioner is that respondent No.4 Mr. Sumit Chawla, who is the petitioner in CWP No.21463 of 2020, is ineligible and is not entitled for selection/appointment and in case, he exist the zone of consideration, the petitioner is the next eligible candidate to be selected/appointed keeping in view the academic qualification and assessment of the same by the Commission.

2. Learned senior counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that a show cause notice has been issued by the Commission to Mr. Sumit Chawla, which has been impugned by him by filing CWP No.21463 of 2020. Learned senior counsel for the petitioner further submits that the said writ petition has been disposed of by this Court today wherein, the

Commission has been given direction to assess the contention raised by Mr. Sumit Chawla that he is eligible to compete for the post of District Information and Public Relation Officer in all respects and thereafter, pass an appropriate order deciding the eligibility of Mr. Sumit Chawla, hence, it would be appropriate that in case the Commission has been directed to adjudge the admissibility of Mr. Sumit Chawla, the claim/objection being raised by the petitioner herein qua the eligibility of Mr. Sumit Chawla be also taken into consideration while passing appropriate order, deciding the eligibility of said Sumit Chawla in respect of his claim qua the post of District Information and Public Relation Officer.

3. Learned senior counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner further submits that as Mr. Sumit Chawla has been allowed a personal hearing, the Commission be directed that the petitioner herein be also allowed personal hearing on the same date to present her case so that appropriate order could be passed after hearing all the concerned persons.

4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent No.2- Commission raises no objection qua the proposal of the learned senior counsel for the petitioner.

5. Even learned counsel appearing on behalf of respondent No.4- Sumit Chawla raises no objection in case, the petitioner is also heard while adjudicating upon eligibility of respondent No.4 so as to compete for the post in question.

6. Keeping in view the above, without opining anything on merits, the Commission is directed that while adjudging the eligibility of respondent No.4-Sumit Chawla, as directed to be assessed keeping in view the order passed in CWP No.21463 of 2020 decided by this Court by a separate order today, even the petitioner herein be also allowed to raise her

claim qua the eligibility of respondent No.4 and any ground/objection raised by the petitioner be also taken into consideration while adjudicating the eligibility of respondent No.4 so as to compete for the post of District Information and Public Relation Officer.

7. Petitioner be also given a personal hearing in case the same is extended to Mr. Sumit Chawla before passing appropriate speaking order.

8. The present petition is disposed of in above terms.

July 27, 2023

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : No