

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

CWP-11027-2015 (O&M)

Date of decision: 17.02.2023

Robin Verma

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present:- Ms. Sukhmani Patwalia, Advocate for the petitioner
Mr. R.K. Kapoor, Addl. AG, Punjab
Mr. Ashok Bhardwaj, Advocate for respondent no.3

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J (Oral)

1. The petitioner prays for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus, while directing the respondents to appoint him on the post of Training Officer-cum-Surveyor in the Department of Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab. In response to the recruitment notice, published in the year 2014, the petitioner submitted his application. After the written examination was conducted, a public notice dated 06.01.2015 was published in the leading newspapers i.e Hindustan Times, Ajit and Punjab Kesari, where the tentative merit list was published by the appointing authority and a request was made to the candidates to appear before the Departmental Selection Committee for the scrutiny/verification of the service/documents on 15.01.2015. A note was also appended with the said request that no second chance will be given to the candidate to produce the documents. The petitioner did not attend the scrutiny of documents as on 15.01.2015, that resulted in rejection of his candidature.

2. The petitioner claims that there was a change in the website of the Department of Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab

and therefore, he had no knowledge of the date of scrutiny of the documents.

3. This Court has considered the submissions made by the learned counsel representing the petitioner and examined the paperbook. The respondent-Department had published a public notice in three different newspapers that are widely circulated in the State of Punjab. Hence, it will be inappropriate to doubt the intent of the respondents or to say that they acted malafidely.

4. Sh.Ashok Bhardwaj, Advocate, has submitted that CWP-6749-2015 titled as '**Baljinder Singh and another vs. State of Punjab and others**' decided on 01.07.2019, selection arising from the same recruitment notice, on the identical issue, has already been dismissed by the High Court.

5. Moreover, a period of nearly 9 years has elapsed from the date of the publication of said recruitment notice. Hence, this Court does not find any merit in the case to exercise its extraordinary writ jurisdiction.

6. Hence, keeping in mind the aforesaid facts and discussion, dismissed.

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

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE