

2023:PHHC:038265
**222 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CWP-11865-2018 (O&M)
Date of decision: 10.03.2023

Hitesh Goyal

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab

..Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present:- Mr. R.S.Randhawa, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. R.S.Pandher, Sr.DAG, Punjab

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J (Oral)

1. While praying for the issuance of a writ in the nature of Certiorari, the petitioner calls in question the correctness of answer key published by the respondents.

2. The relevant facts, in brief, are required to be noticed.

3. Pursuant to the recruitment notice issued on 25.07.2016 to fill up 42 vacancies of Excise and Taxation Inspectors and 5 vacancies of the Election Kanungo, the petitioner appeared in the written examination held on 08.04.2018. The question paper was the objective type with multiple choices to be chosen as the correct answer. Initially, the tentative answer key was uploaded and the objections were invited from the candidates.

4. On receipt of the objections, the matter was referred to a Committee of the subject experts. According to the opinion of the experts, the final answer key was uploaded on the official website of the Department. Still unsatisfied with the answer key, the petitioner has filed

the present writ petition.

5. The scope of judicial review in such cases is extremely limited. Once a provisional answer key has been published and objections filed by the candidates have been examined by the subject experts, this Court is not expected to sit in appeal over the opinion of the experts. Reliance in this regard can be placed on *Vikesh Kumar Gupta vs. State of Rajasthan (2021) 12 SCC 309* and *Ran Vijay Singh vs. State of Uttar Pradesh (2018) 2 SCC 357*.

6. In view of the aforesaid, no ground to issue the writ, as prayed for, is made out.

7. Hence, dismissed.

8. 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