

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

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**CWP No. 15082 of 2023
Date of Decision : 18.7.2023**

*Deepak Kumar**..... Petitioner**versus**Haryana Staff Selection Commission, Panchkula and another**..... Respondents*

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present: Mr. Manish Mehta, Advocate, for the petitioner

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA J. (ORAL):

This petition has been filed seeking a writ of *mandamus* directing the respondents to grant two months more time to the petitioner to submit his original B.Sc. Degree, as he is an applicant for the post of TGT-Science pursuant to advertisement no.2/2023 (Annexure P-1).

2. Learned counsel contends that the petitioner is to appear in the final exam of B.Sc. Degree course in the last week of July 2023. It was only on account of being in personal difficulties due to his father's demise, that he could not clear the exam earlier. Therefore, he should be permitted to submit B.Sc. Degree by extending the cut-off-date.

3. As per facts apparent on record, advertisement no.2 of 2023 was published on 21.2.2023, notifying the closing date of submission of online applications for the post in question as 15.3.2023. It is trite law that the applicants have to possess the essential qualifications/eligibility on the last date of submission of applications. The petitioner, on his own showing, has not passed B.Sc. Degree, which is an essential qualification

for the post of TGT-Science. Last date for submission of application has already passed. It is also settled law that applications beyond the cut-off date cannot be accepted, nor can the same be extended as it will derail entire selection process.

5. In view thereof, there is no ground to entertain the petition.
6. Dismissed.

(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE

18.7.2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether reportable: Yes/No