

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-19233 of 2017 (O&M)

Date of decision: 29.03.2023

Milanpal Singh

..Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Ms. Ginnijeet Malhotra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. D.K. Singal, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

Mr. B.S.Baath, Advocate
for respondent no.3.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J(Oral)

1. The petitioner while praying for the issuance of a writ in the nature of certiorari to quash the memo no.4527 dated 08.08.2017, vide which the request for holding special counselling of the petitioner for appointment has been declined. He also prays for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus to grant him another opportunity to appear for the verification of his documents.

2. In the Department of Agriculture there were 170 posts of the Assistant Technology Managers, who were sought to be recruited on the contractual basis. The Department of Agriculture, Punjab, assigned the job of selecting the said candidates to the Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana. A recruitment notice was issued and the applications were invited from the eligible candidates. The petitioner applied and appeared in the written examination conducted by the University wherein he was assigned

55th rank. After conducting the written examination the record along with the result was forwarded to the Department of Agriculture, Punjab. The result of the written examination was uploaded on the website of the Department of Agriculture. It was notified that the counselling session for the documents verification will be held between 31.05.2017 to 06.06.2017.

3. The grievance of the petitioner is that the result was uploaded on the official website of the Department of Agriculture, Punjab, and not on the official website of the Panjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, hence he could not attend the counselling sessions as held by the appointing authority.

4. In response to the writ petition, the respondents have claimed that the recruitment process has duly ended and the appointment letters have been issued to the selected candidates in the month of June, 2017.

5. This Bench has heard the learned counsels representing the parties at length and with their able assistance perused the paper book.

6. On a careful perusal of the recruitment notice along with the brochure of important information, it is evident that the University had specifically stated that the recruitment is being undertaken on behalf of the Department of Agriculture, Punjab, and therefore any dispute regarding the recruitment should be addressed to the Department of Agriculture, Punjab.

7. Undoubtedly, it was provided that the information about the date of written test will be displayed on the official website of the Punjab Agricultural University, however, the aforesaid website was only till the information about the date of written examination was displayed.

Thereafter, the candidates were supposed to check with the website of the

Department of Agriculture. It is not the case of the petitioner that the schedule for the counselling session was not uploaded on the website of the Department of Agriculture, Punjab. The petitioner being the candidate was required to be vigilant. Now after a passage of nearly 6 years, the selection process which stands finalized cannot be re-opened particularly when the petitioner has not impleaded any selected candidate, who may be adversely affected by such action.

8. Keeping in view the aforesaid facts and discussion, the writ petition is dismissed.

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

March 29, 2023
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

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