

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

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CWP-24737-2022

Date of decision: 18.01.2023

NIRBHAY SINGH SOHI

..Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Sunny K. Singla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurpreet Singh, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J(Oral)

The petitioner prays for the issuance of a writ in the nature of certiorari to quash order dated 20.07.2022 (Annexure P-5). In substance, the petitioner prays for issuing a direction to the respondent to appoint him on the post of Lecturer (Electrical Engineering).

Pursuant to the recruitment notice issued in the year 2016, the process for selection was initiated by the concerned department. After concluding the various components of selection including the written examination, a list of selected candidates was prepared. Sh. Indervir Singh listed at Serial No.6 in the merit list prepared, was, offered appointment but he did not join. Hence, the offer elapsed. The respondents while passing the order have taken a stand that they do not want to appoint anyone pursuant to the recruitment notice in the year 2016.

It is not the case of the petitioner that any candidate who was placed below the petitioner in the merit list has been appointed. It is a well settled rule that mere selection does not confer any right on the candidate to

force the employer to make a compulsory appointment.

Once a conscious decision has been taken by the Competent Authority as to not to appoint no one from the select list prepared on the basis of recruitment notice of 2016, no ground to issue the writ as prayed by the petitioner, is made out.

Dismissed.

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

January 18th, 2023
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

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