

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

LPA-1902-2023 (O&M)
Date of decision:- 19.12.2023

Hira Lal and others

...Appellant(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE RITU BAHRI, ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present: Mr. Prateek Gupta, Advocate,
for the appellants.
Ms. Lavanya Paul, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.
Mr. Arjun Shukla, Advocate,
Ms. Vanshika Grover, Advocate,
for respondents No. 4 to 167.

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For the reasons mentioned therein, the delay of 716 days in filing the appeal is condoned.

The application stands disposed of.

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This appeal is directed against the judgement and order dated 08.11.2021 passed by the learned Single Judge allowing the writ petition filed by the petitioners (respondents No. 4 to 21 herein) quashing and setting aside the advertisement dated 06.03.2020 containing the impugned selection criteria alongwith entire selection process including provisional merit list for recruitment to 2364 posts of Elementary Trained Teachers (in short ETT) as also against an order dated 20.10.2023 dismissing RA-CW-331-2021 seeking review of the judgement and order dated 08.11.2021.

Learned counsel appearing for respondents No. 4 to 167, out of whom respondents No. 4 to 21 herein were the writ petitioners in CWP-3363-2021, states that he has instructions to withdraw the writ petition itself and the said writ petitioners do not want to challenge the criteria for appointment to 2364 posts of ETT Teachers.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from Mr. Harpreet Singh, Assistant Director, Education Recruitment Directorate, Punjab, states that the entire selection process is completed and the final result will be declared after eight weeks in terms of the original advertisement which was the subject matter of the writ petition and the present appeal.

Keeping in view of the above statement made by learned State counsel and Mr. Arjun Shukla, learned counsel appearing for respondents No. 4 to 167, no cause of action survives in the writ petition itself.

The present appeal is allowed and the judgement and order dated 08.11.2021 as well as the order dated 20.10.2023 passed by the learned Single Judge are set aside as both the parties are not disputing the criteria laid down in the advertisement for selection to 2364 posts of ETT Teachers.

(RITU BAHRI)
ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

19.12.2023
Amodh Sharma

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