

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

(114)

CWP-2881-2024

Date of Decision : February 09, 2024

Sidharth

.. Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and another

.. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Naveen Daryal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Harish Nain, Assistant Advocate General, Haryana.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

1. In the present writ petition, the grievance of the petitioner is that he had applied for the post of District Information & Public Relation Officer in the Department of Information, Public Relation and Languages, Government of Haryana as advertised vide Advertisement No.27/2022 dated 18.11.2022 (Annexure P-1).

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the application of the petitioner has been rejected by the respondents while passing the impugned order dated 11.10.2023 (Annexure P-11) stating that the petitioner is not eligible as per the essential qualification required to be fulfilled by a particular candidate.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the only reason being given is that the newspaper, where the petitioner is working,

namely **Public Asia Newspaper**, is not a national newspaper, which is the requirement whereas, as per the petitioner, the said newspaper is a national newspaper.

4. Notice of motion.

5. Mr. Harish Nain, learned Assistant Advocate General, Haryana, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

6. Learned counsel for the respondents submits that in case the petitioner is of the view that the **Public Asia Newspaper** where the petitioner is working, is a national newspaper and any evidence to support the said view is submitted before the authorities concerned, appropriate order will be passed within a period of three weeks of the receipt of any such claim.

7. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that keeping in view the statement of learned counsel for the respondents, the present writ petition may kindly be disposed of having been not pressed any further with liberty to the petitioner to approach the respondents so as to supply the relevant material to show that **Public Asia Newspaper** is a national newspaper and the petitioner fulfill the requisite qualification as envisaged under the Advertisement No.27/2022 dated 18.11.2022 (Annexure P-1).

8. Ordered accordingly.

February 09, 2024

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No