

**CWP No. 3428 of 2024 and other connected cases**

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

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| <b>(106)</b>                        | <b>CWP No. 3428 of 2024<br/>Date of Decision : 16.02.2024</b> |
| <b>Sanjay Raman and others</b>      | <b>...Petitioners</b>                                         |
| <b>Versus</b>                       |                                                               |
| <b>State of Haryana and another</b> | <b>...Respondents</b>                                         |
| <b>(113)</b>                        | <b>CWP No. 3526 of 2024</b>                                   |
| <b>Rohit Kumar</b>                  | <b>...Petitioner</b>                                          |
| <b>Versus</b>                       |                                                               |
| <b>State of Haryana and another</b> | <b>...Respondents</b>                                         |
| <b>(116)</b>                        | <b>CWP No. 3567 of 2024</b>                                   |
| <b>Vinay Kumar and others</b>       | <b>...Petitioners</b>                                         |
| <b>Versus</b>                       |                                                               |
| <b>State of Haryana and another</b> | <b>...Respondents</b>                                         |

***CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI***

**Present:** Mr. K.D.S. Hooda, Advocate for the petitioners  
in CWP-3428-2024 and CWP-3567-2024.

Mr. Mandeep Singh Lamba, Advocate for the petitioners  
in CWP-3526-2024.

Ms. Shruti Jain Goel, Senior Deputy Advocate General,  
Haryana.

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**Harsimran Singh Sethi J. (Oral)**

1. By this common order, three writ petitions, the details of which have been given in the heading, are being decided as all these petitions involve the same question of law on similar facts.

2. The present petitions have been filed for quashing the impugned list of the candidates shortlisted to appear for the written examination/skill test for Group-1 and Group-2 (Annexures P-6 and P-7) on the ground that the petitioners have not been shortlisted for the same despite clearing the common eligibility test (hereinafter referred to as 'CET')

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners argue that the grievance of the petitioners is that though they have cleared the CET but they are not being called for the written examination for the post of Group-1 and Group-2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that as per the criteria which was circulated, keeping in view the number of posts, the candidates were to be called for the written examination. Learned counsel for the petitioners argue that if the posts were less than 30, five times the candidates are to be called for written examination and if the posts are between 30 to 40, 150 candidates are to be called for the written test and if the posts are above 40 then 04 times of the number of posts, candidates are to be called for written examination and keeping in view the number of vacancies, which have been reserved in the General Category qua the post against which the petitioners are competing, the

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petitioners are within the 04 times of the number of posts but still they are not being called for the written examination, which is causing prejudice.

4. Notice of motion.

5. On the asking of the Court, Ms. Shruti Jain Goel, learned Senior Deputy Advocate General, Haryana, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

6. Learned State counsel submits that keeping in view the Instructions, which have been supplied to her, keeping in view the judgment passed by a Co-ordinate Bench in CWP No. 23917 of 2023, decided on 08.01.2024, list of the candidates who are entitled to be called for written test as per the said judgment was prepared but now operation of the said judgment has been stayed by the Division Bench in LPA No. 329 of 2024, whereby the list of eligible candidates to be called for written examination fixed for 18.02.2024 in each category is being re-determined and the candidates, who have cleared the CET, will be called for written examination keeping in view the initial criteria given and the fresh list of eligible candidates to be called for written examination fixed for 18.02.2024 will be completed within a next five hours so that the Roll Number of the candidates, who are to be allowed to appear in the written examination to be held on 18.02.2024, will be displayed on the website of the Commission today itself by 8.00 p.m.

7. Learned counsel for the respondents submits that in case, the name of the petitioners appears in the revised list of the candidates to be

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called for the examination, which list will be issued today, the petitioners will be called to appear in the said written examination and all the efforts will be made to issue the Roll Numbers to the candidates as per the revised list. Learned counsel for the respondents further submits that in case the name of the petitioners appears in the revised list they will be allowed to appear in the written examination but in case, on any account the Roll Number is not issued to the petitioners then also the petitioners will be allowed to appear in the written examination by producing the present order passed by this Court today.

8. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that keeping in view the statement of learned State counsel, the present petitions may kindly be disposed of having been rendered infructuous and the same may kindly be disposed of as such.

9. Ordered accordingly.

A photocopy of this order be placed on the file of connected cases.

**February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
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**(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)**  
**JUDGE**

*Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No*

*Whether reportable : Yes/No*