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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-3609-2024

Date of Decision:18.03.2024

ROBIN CHOUDHARY

..... Petitioner

Versus

PGIMER CHD

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present :

Mr. Mandeep Singh Lamba, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Naveen Chopra, Advocate for the respondent.

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1.
- The petitioner through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is seeking setting aside of notice dated 09.12.2023 (Annexure P-6) to the extent he has been declared ineligible for the post of Medical Social Worker Grade-II.
2.
- The respondent-PGIMER vide advertisement dated 24.08.2022 (Annexure P-1) invited applications for different posts including post of Medical Social Worker, Grade-II. The petitioner applied under Scheduled Caste Category. The essential qualification prescribed in the advertisement is as below:-

Sr. No .	Name of the Post(s)	Pay Scale (as per 7 th CPC pay matrix)	Age Limit	Qualification/Experience
16.	Medical Social Worker Grade-II	Level-6 (Rs.35400 -112400/-)	18-30 years	Essential:- i). Master's degree in Social Work/Applied Sociology from a recognized University/Institution. ii). Experience in the line with a Welfare or Health Agency preferably dealing with Medical/Public Health Services. Desirable:- Specialization by experience or qualification or training in Medical Social Work including psychiatric services.

3. The petitioner is claiming that he had worked with Piramal Foundation for Education Leadership from 15.07.2018 to 30.05.2020. The said organization has issued certificate dated 13.01.2023 (Annexure P-12) which confirms that petitioner had worked with the said organization and his role was to build leadership qualities among community stakeholders related to education. He was associated with surveys of Gond and Madia children regarding educational outcome. The respondent has declared result on 09.12.2023 and the petitioner has been declared ineligible on the ground that he does not meet experience criteria.

4. On being confronted with impugned order, learned counsel for the respondent concedes that Competent Authority has not advanced reasons while rejecting experience certificate of the petitioner.

5. From the perusal of impugned order dated 09.12.2023 (Annexure P-6), it is evident that candidature of the petitioner has been rejected forming an opinion that petitioner does not meet experience criteria. He is claiming that he wields requisite experience and authorities have not considered said certificate in true spirit.

6. Without commenting on merits, the petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to respondent to pass reasoned order with respect to experience certificate of the petitioner. The needful shall be done within 4 weeks from today. The respondent shall grant opportunity of hearing before passing order.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>