

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(114)

LPA-656-2024

Decided on : 07.03.2024

Garbhit and others

.....Appellant(s)

Versus

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondent(s)

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.S. SANDHAWALIA,
ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MS.JUSTICE LAPITA BANERJI**

Present: Mr. Ravinder Singh Dhull, Advocate for the appellant (s).

G.S. Sandhawalia, Acting Chief Justice (Oral)

Consideration in the present letters patent appeal is sought of the order of the learned Single Judge dated 04.03.2024 passed in CWP-5043-2024 wherein the writ petition filed by the appellants was dismissed on the ground that the writ petitioner yet to complete their Bachelor Degree in Veterinary Science and Animal Husbandry and fixing of the cut-off-date for the post of Veterinary Surgeon as 07.03.2024 cannot be held to be arbitrary in any manner and it is not for the Court to interfere.

2. Counsel for the appellants has tried to convince us by submitting that an interim order was passed as such in **LPA-1891-2023 ‘Rajdeep Singh and others VS. State of Haryana and others’** on 29.11.2023 (Annexure P-11) whereby the benefit was given to the persons of 2017 batch as they have got the degree in March, 2023 and, therefore, the same benefit should be extended to the appellants herein.

3. The said argument is not liable to be accepted being bereft of any merit and there is sacrosanctity of the cut-off-date which was fixed as 05.01.2023 of the advertisement No.41/2022 (Annexure P-3). Apparently, earlier the selection process ran into some difficulty and was cancelled and a corrigendum was issued on 22.02.2024 (Annexure P-8), whereby the cut-off-

date for submitting the online application was extended to 07.03.2024. A condition was also put in the said corrigendum that the candidates who had earlier applied against advertisement in question, need not to apply again. Even as on today, the writ petitioners have not completed their course.

4. The argument, thus, that they are similar to the ones’ of 2017 batch, is a fanciful argument and the same is not liable to be accepted. It is settled principle of law that eligibility has to be seen on a specific date, to ensure that the applications of the eligible candidates can only be processed. If the said argument is accepted, the recruitment process will never come to an end, with various demands by various persons at different times for extending the eligibility or cut-off-date. The interim order passed in LPA-1891-2023 (supra) will not be of help to the appellants, as apparently the said persons had already participated provisionally in the earlier examination and the relief was granted in the peculiar circumstances to the candidates of 2017 batch.

5. Resultantly, in view of the above discussion, we find no merit in the present appeal and the same is accordingly, dismissed in limine.

(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE

(LAPITA BANERJI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned :	√Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	√No