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

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Date of Decision: 27.08.2024

MONIKA RANI

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND ANOTHER

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present:- Mr. B. S. Mittal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kanwal Goyal, Advocate
for respondent No.2/HPSC.

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA, J. (Oral)

This petition has been filed seeking a writ of *mandamus* directing the respondents to give one time relaxation in age to the petitioner in General category for the posts of Post Graduate Teacher (PGT) in Mathematics against advertisement nos.18 to 37 of 2024, dated 23.07.2024, Annexure P-4.

2. It is argued that the petitioner was an applicant for the posts of PGT Mathematics earlier advertised by the Commission, but could not be selected being lower in merit. Now the posts have again been advertised. However, she is over aged at this stage, and would not be able to apply for the same. Looking at her plight, one time relaxation in maximum age should be given to her.

3. Learned counsel for the second respondent/Commission, on the contrary, contends that the last date for submission of application form was



14.08.2024, which was extended to 20.08.2024. As per the settled law, the last date for submission of applications cannot be extended, nor is there any provision to grant age relaxation to a candidate on such ground.

4. Considering the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties, this Court is of the view that the petition is misconceived and has been filed on baseless grounds. Merely because the petitioner could not be selected pursuant to an earlier selection and is over aged now, cannot be a ground for granting relaxation in the prescribed maximum age. Rather, it shows she availed the opportunity to apply for the post and her candidature was duly considered. Seeking extension in age on account of non-selection, that too after the closing date, is repugnant to the entire selection process, which is based upon inviolability of rules and procedures notified for the purpose.

5. Dismissed.

(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE

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