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

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Date of decision: 14.10.2024

NEELAM KUMARI

....PETITIONER

Vs.

DIRECTOR SCHOOL EDUCATION CHANDIGARH

ADMINISTRATION, EDUCATION DEPARTMENT CHANDIGARH

...RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present: Mr. Vikas Bishnoi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Madhu Dayal, Addl. Standing Counsel and
Ms. Aashima Gill, Junior Panel Counsel
for the respondent.

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J (ORAL)

1. The petitioner through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is seeking direction to respondent to consider her claim for the post of TGT-Hindi.

2. The petitioner, pursuant to advertisement No. 05/2023 dated 09.02.2024 (Annexure P-1) applied for the post of TGT-Hindi. She applied well within time and appeared in the written test. She cleared the test, however, her candidature has been rejected on the ground that she was not having Hindi as Elective subject in the Graduation whereas Hindi was a compulsory subject in her Graduation.

3. Mr. Vikas Bishnoi, Advocate submits that petitioner is possessing degree of B.A. Hindi (Compulsory) which as per certificate dated 18.11.2019



(Annexure P-8) issued by Maharshi Dayanand University, Rohtak is equal to B.A. Hindi (Elective). Thus, she should be considered for the post of TGT-Hindi.

4. In the advertisement dated 09.02.2024 requisite qualification for the post of TGT Hindi was prescribed which is reproduced as below:-

6.	HINDI	i) Graduate or its equivalent from a recognized University with Hindi as an elective subject with at least 50% marks. ii) Bachelor of Education Degree recognized by NCTE with at least 50% marks in aggregate or its equivalent with Hindi as teaching subject. iii) Pass in Central Teacher's Eligibility Test (Paper-II) for the post of Masters/Mistresses as per the details conditions notified by NCTE from time to time will be applicable.
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5. From the perusal of aforesaid advertisement, it is evident that question of equivalence is relevant for the purpose of Graduation. A candidate may be graduate or may be holding degree which is considered equivalent to graduation, however, in any case he is required to have Hindi as Elective subject with at least 50% marks. The petitioner is a Graduate and Hindi was her compulsory subject and not an Elective subject. The equivalence has to be considered at the level of Graduation and not for the purpose of Hindi as an



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Elective subject. This Court cannot travel beyond the scope of advertisement.

The advertisement is very clear, thus, claim of petitioner is not sustainable.

6. Dismissed.

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[JAGMOHAN BANSAL]
JUDGE

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