



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

(Sr. No. 129)

LPA No.2932 of 2024 (O&M)

Date of decision: 25.11.2024

Haryana Public Service Commission

..... Appellant

Versus

Bijender and others

..... Respondents

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE LAPITA BANERJI**

Present : Mr. Balvinder Sangwan, Advocate for the appellant.

Mr. Akshay Bhan, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Abhijeet Singh Rawaley, Advocate
for the caveator-respondent No.1.

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DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (Oral)

(1) Through an advertisement dated 25.09.2013 (hereinafter referred to as the 1st Advertisement), the Haryana Public Service Commission (for short - the Commission) invited applications to fill up 37 posts of Naib Tehsildars. Thereafter, through another advertisement dated 23.07.2015 (hereinafter referred to as the 2nd Advertisement), the afore referred posts along with 33 additional posts, were re-advertised. As per the 2nd Advertisement the last date to apply was 22.08.2015. Respondent No.1 applied under the General category well within time. Through a corrigendum dated 01.05.2018 the candidates who had become eligible after the initial cut of date were permitted to apply. However, the applicants under the Advertisement published on 25.09.2013 and 23.07.2015 were not required to apply again and that they would also not be rendered ineligible on account of



becoming overage. As per the corrigendum, the last date to apply through online mode was 15.05.2018.

(2) Since respondent No.1 was already an applicant, he did not apply afresh but between the last date, in terms of the 2nd Advertisement dated 23.07.2015 and the last date of application introduced through the corrigendum dated 01.05.2018, respondent No.1 had successfully completed his Master's degree in Education and while producing the original of his Masters degree at the time of his interview, he claimed the one mark earmarked for possessing a Master degree, on the denial of which, he petitioned this Court. Through the judgment impugned before us a learned Single Judge of this Court has allowed respondent No.1's claim.

(3) Learned counsel for the parties have been heard.

(4) Through advertisement dated 23.07.2015 the Commission invited applications for appointment of 70 Naib Tehsildars. As per the advertisement the last date to apply was 22.08.2015. Respondent No.1 applied well in time. Through corrigendum dated 01.05.2018 the last date to apply, in pursuance to the advertisement dated 23.07.2015, was extended to 15.05.2018. As per the said corrigendum the candidates like respondent No.1, who had already applied in terms of advertisement dated 23.07.2015, were not required to apply afresh.

(5) The corrigendum dated 01.05.2018 would necessarily relate back to the initial advertisement and the last date to apply extended through the corrigendum would therefore, substitute the originally given last date to apply. Therefore, if before the new cut of date, respondent No.1 had successfully completed his Post Graduate degree which, as per the selection



criteria, entitled him to the grant of an extra mark, the same was required to be added to his final score and this is exactly what the learned Single Judge has directed to the appellant – Commission to do.

(6) In the light of the above discussion, we find no error, factual or legal, in the impugned judgment.

(7) Dismissed.

(8) All pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, also stand disposed of.

(DEEPAK SIBAL)
JUDGE

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(LAPITA BANERJI)
JUDGE

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