

**CWP-31009-2024 1****IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH****(136)****CWP-31009-2024****Date of Decision : November 18, 2024****Aman Deep****.. Petitioner****Versus****State of Punjab through Secretary, Department of Higher Education,
Punjab and others****.. Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI****Present: Mr. J.P.S. Sidhu, Advocate, for the petitioner.****HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)**

1. Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that the petitioner has been declared ineligible for the post of Principal (College Cadre) to be filled in the Department of Higher Education, Government of Punjab as per the Advertisement No.20232 dated 26.05.2023 (Annexure P-1).

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner is eligible but she has been declined the eligibility and that too without any valid justification while issuing public notice dated 22.10.2024 (Annexure P-3).

3. On being asked to show the eligibility keeping in view the prescription of the same in the advertisement, learned counsel for the petitioner very fairly concedes that as per the Advertisement, a candidate, who is Professor/ Associate Professor with the total service/ experience of

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15 years of teaching in the University, College or other institution of the higher education, is eligible but the petitioner does not have 15 years service or experience as Associate Professor. That being so, the rejection of the claim of the petitioner on the ground that the petitioner does not fulfill the requisite of the Advertisement, cannot be treated as arbitrary or illegal.

4. Another argument which has been raised by the learned counsel for the petitioner is that the respondents were supposed to only prescribe 8 years experience as Associate Professor whereas, the same has been provided as 15 years.

5. On being asked to whether, the petitioner challenged the advertisement at any given point of time and even in this writ petition, learned counsel for the petitioner conceded that he has not challenged the Advertisement at any given point of time.

6. That being so, no grievance can be raised by the petitioner with regard to the eligibility prescribed in the Advertisement as the same has gone un-challenged at the hands of the petitioner.

7. No ground is made out for any interference by this Court in the present case.

8. Accordingly, the writ petition is dismissed.

November 18, 2024
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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