

CWP-28697-2023

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

247/5

CWP-28697-2023
Date of Decision: 20.02.2024

Karan Sharma

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present:- Mr. Ranjit Singh Kalra, Advocate and
Mr. R.S. Smagh, Advocate for the petitioner
Mr. Aman Dhir, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner through instant petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is seeking setting aside of order dated 26.05.2023 (Annexure P-15) whereby candidature of the petitioner has been rejected. The petitioner is further seeking directions to the respondents to consider him for the post of Financial Officer/Assistant Financial Officer.

2. On 08.01.2024, the following order was passed:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner, in support of his contention that petitioner is having more than 7 years experience, relied upon certificates issued by Tax Consultants Firm as well as assessment orders passed by Excise and Taxation Officer, Patiala.

Faced with this, Mr. Aman Dhir, learned State counsel seeks time to verify genuineness of different certificates produced by the petitioner in support of his experience.

Adjourned to 20.02.2024.

A photocopy of this order be placed on the file of connected case.”

3. Mr. Aman Dhir, learned State counsel asserts that competent authority has conducted preliminary inquiry and it has been found that petitioner was working as Tax Consultant with a Law Firm and he was appearing before the Tax Authorities, thus, his case would be re-considered for the post of Financial Officer/Assistant Financial Officer.
4. This Court vide order dated 08.01.2024 directed the authorities in different writ petitions to verify genuineness of experience certificate produced by the candidates. The respondent in the case of *Baltesh Singh Bajwa, CWP No.6687 of 2023* has found that experience certificate submitted by the petitioner was not genuine and in the present case, certificate has been found genuine. This shows that there was need to verify experience certificates submitted by the candidates and authorities should not have blindly relied upon those certificates. This has deprived many genuine candidates from the employment whereas non-meritorious candidates might have been recruited.
5. In the wake of statement of learned State counsel, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to Recruitment Board to re-consider candidature of the petitioner. Let needful be done within three months from today.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

20.02.2024
Mohit Kumar

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>