



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

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CWP-1467-2025

Date of decision: 24.02.2025

NEERAJ BOORA

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present:- Mr. Rahul Dahiya, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Tanisha Peshawaria, DAG, Haryana.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The petitioner has approached this Court for seeking directions to the respondents to re-evaluate his OMR Answer sheets and to allocate the post for which he is qualified and further prayer to decide the representation dated 22.10.2024 (Annexure P-9).

Learned State Counsel was called upon to seek instructions in the matter and on resumed hearing, she has shown a communication received by her from the office of the Secretary, Haryana Staff Selection Commission, Panchkula wherein as against the marks in Group No. 56, petitioner secured 62.4 and it was lower than the cut off marks. As Against Group No. 57, the mark sheet had not been re-evaluated since the OMR was found smudged. Reference is also made to various judgments passed by this Court as well as the Hon'ble

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Supreme Court in reference to smudging. The said communication has been perused by this Court, however, it is noticed that the communication only mentions that the OMR was smudged, however, there is no detail forthcoming as to how and what manner the said OMR has been assessed to be smudged.

Faced with the above, Counsel for the respondent-State submits that the State would have no objection in taking a decision on the representation dated 22.10.2024 (Annexure P-9) already submitted by the petitioner and to inform the reasons and the circumstances leading to drawing a conclusion about the OMR being smudged by the petitioner.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner accepts the same.

The present writ petition is accordingly disposed of and respondent-Haryana Staff Selection Commission through its Chairman is directed to decide the representation dated 22.10.2024 (Annexure P-9) and to pass a reasoned and speaking order thereupon in accordance with law preferably within a period of two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

FEBRUARY 24, 2025*Vishal sharma*

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