



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

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LPA No.1477 of 2025 (O&M).

Date of Decision: 12.08.2025.

Divya Middha

....Appellant.

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents.

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK MANCHANDA**

Present: Mr. Damanjit Singh Sandhu, Advocate for the appellant.
Mr. Kuljit Singh, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (Oral)

CM-3608-LPA-2025

Prayer in this application is for condonation of delay of 145 days in filing the appeal.

Heard.

For the reasons stated in the application, the same is allowed and delay of 145 days in filing the appeal is condoned.

Main Appeal

The appellant has challenged the judgment of the Single Bench dated 21.11.2024, whereby the writ petition seeking direction to the respondents to permit her to join as an E.T.T. Teacher in pursuance of the selection has been declined.

2. Learned counsel for the appellant submits that the appellant had been selected as E.T.T. Teacher but could not join the duty within the stipulated period due to ill health and, therefore, she ought to be permitted to join the service.

3. Heard.

4. The appellant is stated to have been a successful candidate for the post of E.T.T. Teacher. The appointment letter was issued to her on 23.12.2016. It was stipulated in the appointment letter that the candidate must join the duty within seven days of issuance of the appointment letter. The appellant did not join the service and after five months, she is stated to have represented to the respondents that she may be permitted to join the service as she was unwell. The appellant had also attached the medical certificate which indicated that she was undergoing treatment for infertility. The medical certificate does not indicate that she was suffering from any serious ailment which prevented her from joining the post in pursuance to her selection. The terms and conditions of the appointment stipulate that the candidate had to join within a period of seven days. The other candidates are stated to have joined and there was no available post on which the appellant could join after a period of five months.

5. In the afore-noted facts and circumstances, we do not find any manifest error in the judgment of the Single Bench warranting interference by this Court. Consequently, the appeal being devoid of any merit stands dismissed.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)
JUDGE

12.08.2025

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Whether Reportable	:	Yes/ No