



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

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CWP-19166-2021 (O&M)

Date of decision: 05.02.2025

Ila Beniwal

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and Others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Vikas Arora, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

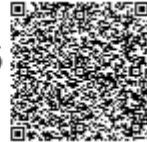
Mr. Satnampreet Singh Chauhan, DAG, Punjab

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. The prayer made in the present petition is for quashing the order dated 11.08.2021, Annexure P-13, whereby the claim of the petitioner for issuance of appointment letter has been rejected on the premise that the result of the Punjabi examination was declared after the cut off date.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submit that the aforesaid issue stands already decided by this Court in CWP-28074 of 2022, titled as **Avinash Dalmotra versus State of Punjab and others**, decided on 14.02.2024, relying on the judgment rendered in the case of **Minni Grover versus State of Punjab and another**, 2015 SCC Online P&H 14222, relevant para whereof reads thus:-

“12. From the reading of note annexed to Clause 5.3.1 of the advertisement, it comes out that minimum education qualification i.e. 10+2 or matriculation was required to be obtained before the closing



date for submission of online application. There was a requirement of passing matriculation examination with Punjabi. The said qualification was contemplated in Clause 5.3.2 of the advertisement and in the said clause, there was no condition that candidate must have passed Punjabi language exam on or before the closing date for submission of online application. Rule 17 of the 1994 Rules mandates that no person shall be appointed to any post in any service by direct recruitment unless he has passed matriculation examination with Punjabi.

From the conjoint reading of note annexed to Clause 5.3.1 of the advertisement and Rule 17 of the 1994 Rules as well as Clause 5.3.2, it is evident that neither advertisement nor Rule 17 enjoins that candidate must have cleared matriculation exam before the closing date for submission of application. The requirement is that candidate must have cleared exam of Punjabi language before the date of appointment.”

4. Learned State counsel despite his best efforts has been unable to controvert the factual position and draw out any distinctive aspects in the aforementioned judgments or cite any contrary law.

5. In wake of the aforesaid, the present petition is disposed of in terms of the judgment passed in **Avinash Dalmotra** (supra).

6. Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

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Whether reportable	:	Yes / No