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

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Date of Decision: 12.03.2025

MOHD. TAJIR

..... PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present: Mr. Mazlish Khan, Advocate and
Mr. Vikas Chopra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Harish Nain, AAG, Haryana.

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA, J. (ORAL)

The petition has been filed *inter alia* seeking a writ of *certiorari* challenging condition no. 16.4 of advertisement 2/2023 dated 21.02.2023, and cancellation of petitioner's candidature due to the condition, if a candidate darkens more than one circle and smudges/scratches any place in any manner with eraser, nail blade, white fluid/whitener etc., his/her OMR sheet as well as candidature itself shall be cancelled. Further, a writ of *mandamus* has been sought seeking a direction to the respondents to consider the petitioner's candidature for the post of TGT Physical Education

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in response to the aforesaid advertisement.

2. Learned State counsel has produced the petitioner's original OMR sheet, which shows he has erased one of the options against answer no. 26 by scratching the OMR sheet. A photocopy of the said OMR sheet has been retained on the case file as Annexure 'A'. He further contends that this Court has already decided the issue of validity of condition no. 16.4 of the instant advertisement vide judgment dated 06.07.2023, rendered in CWP-14159-2023 titled *Kavita Rani and others v. Haryana Staff Selection Commission*, against which LPA No. 1057-2023 has also been dismissed by the Division Bench.

3. Apparently, the issue raised in the petition already stands decided against the petitioner.

4. The petition, accordingly, stands dismissed.

12.03.2025

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**(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE***Whether speaking/reasoned* *Yes/No**Whether reportable* *Yes/No*