



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

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CWP-21115-2021 (O&M)
Date of decision: 14.01.2025

Sandeep Kumar and Others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and Others

...Respondents

CWP-22256-2021 (O&M)

Shiv Kumar

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and Others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Anshul Gupta and Mr. Sukhdev Kamboj, Advocates
for the petitioners

Mr. Arun Gupta, DAG Punjab

AMAN CHAUDHARY, J. (ORAL)

1. These cases involve similar issues and therefore, are being disposed of together by this common order.

2. The prayer in the present petitions is for quashing the result-cum-merit list dated 04.10.2021 for the post of School Librarian.

3. Learned counsel would contend that the petitioners having acquired the qualification of Punjabi in matriculation after the last date of submission of application forms but before the appointment, is entitled to be considered eligible as this issue has already been decided in the cases of **Minni Grover vs. State of**

Punjab and Another, CWP-3651-2012, decided on 11.08.2015 and

Avinash Dalmotra vs. State of Punjab and Others, CWP-28074-2022, decided on 14.02.2024, interpreting Rule 17 of the Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Condition of Service) Rules, 1994. He thus, at this stage, on instructions from the petitioners, prays that a direction be given to the respondents to consider their claim, in a time bound manner, against the 3 vacancies, which learned State counsel on instructions from Gurpreet Singh, Senior Assistant has stated to be available and no objection to the limited prayer made.

4. In view of the above and without commenting on the merits of the case, this petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to the respondents to consider and decide the claim of the petitioners, taking note of the afore-referred judgments, in accordance with law, expeditiously. Upon doing so, after notice and hearing offered to her and if found entitled as per the merit, the necessary consequences shall flow. Needless to say, if the orders are adverse to their interest, the same shall contain reasons and the petitioners shall be free to seek legal redress thereupon.
5. A photocopy of this order be placed on the file of connected case.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

14.01.2025
M.Kamra

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No