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

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Date of Decision: 22.07.2025

Rajshri

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present:- None for the petitioner

Ms. Ruchi Sekhri, Additional Advocate General, Haryana

Mr. Amit Rao, Advocate for

Mr. Anurag Goyal, Advocate for respondent no.3

Mr. Sandeep Kumar Yadav, Advocate and

Ms. Sangeeta Yadav, Advocate for respondent no.5

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA, J. (Oral)

The petition has been filed *inter alia* seeking a writ of *certiorari* quashing orders dated 13.02.2017 and 06.05.2016, Annexures P-8 and P-6 respectively, whereby the University has given approval for appointment of the fifth respondent as Assistant Professor Geography in Ahir College, Rewari/respondent no.4, which is an affiliated institution.

2. The appointment has been challenged only on the ground that the fifth respondent was lacking essential qualification as he had been awarded Ph.D. degree on 19.05.2015, whereas closing date to submit application forms for the post was 17.02.2015 and the interviews were held on 10.04.2015.

3. Learned counsel for the fifth respondent contends this is factually incorrect. He was duly qualified on the closing date itself, i.e., 17.02.2015. He



did Ph.D. in Geography from Janardan Rai Nagar Rajasthan Vidyapeeth (Deemed) University, and was awarded the degree on 16.11.2010. Initially, the University issued a certificate dated 10.02.2012, Annexure P-4, to the effect that the degree had been awarded on 10.11.2010. This inadvertent mistake regarding the date of awarding the degree was corrected by a subsequent certificate dated 19.05.2015, Annexure R-5/3. The University Registrar also issued a letter dated 01.06.2016, Annexure R-5/3, certifying that due to a clerical mistake the date of awarding the degree to the petitioner was wrongly mentioned as 10.11.2010, instead of 16.11.2010, and the error was rectified by issuing the corrected certificate dated 19.05.2015.

4. The facts aforementioned have not been disputed by the petitioner. It is, therefore, apparent that the fifth respondent was awarded Ph.D. degree on 16.11.2010, and was qualified for the post in question on the date of submitting the application form as well as on the date of interview.

5. The petition has no merit and stands dismissed.

(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE

22.07.2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No