



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-20963-2025
Decided On: 31.07.2025

ANJU DEVI

....PETITIONER(s)

Versus

HARYANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AND ANOTHER

....RESPONDENT(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present: Mr. Raje Ram Kaushik, Advocate
(Through Video Conferencing)
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kanwal Goyal, Advocate with
Ms. Sheena Dahiya, Advocate
for respondent no.1/HPSC.

Mr. Amit Nain, Additional Advocate General, Haryana.

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA J.(Oral)

The petition has been filed seeking a writ of *mandamus* directing the respondents to call the petitioner for the next stage of selection/Subject Knowledge Test for the post of Assistant Professor (Geography) in response to advertisement 51/2024, dated 02.08.2024.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that in terms of stipulation in the advertisement, candidates four times the number of posts advertised are required to be called for the Subject Knowledge Test, provided they have secured minimum cut-off marks of twenty-five per cent in the Screening Test. Besides, the Commission is required to provide reservation to thirty-three per cent women candidates as well. The petitioner is at number seventeen in the order of merit, as apparent from the details given in Annexure P-5, and is the fourth woman candidate under the Persons with



Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD)(OH) category. Therefore, she is entitled to be called for the Subject Knowledge Test.

3. Learned counsel for the Commission, on instructions, submits that as per the stipulation in the advertisement, candidates four times the number of posts advertised have been called. Three posts are reserved for candidates belonging to PwBD(OH) in the advertisement, and as per merit of the Screening Test, twelve candidates have been called. Since the petitioner is not amongst those twelve as per merit, she has not been called for next stage of selection. He also submits that the PwBD(OH) is a horizontal reservation, and no reservation to women candidates has been provided in the advertisement.

4. Heard.

5. In view of the undisputed facts aforementioned, three posts have been reserved for PwBD(OH) for Assistant Professor (Geography), and reservation for women candidates has not been provided. Since the Commission has called candidates four times the number of advertised posts for the Subject Knowledge Test and the petitioner does not fall within those as per the marks obtained by her in the Screening Test, she cannot seek participation in the next stage of selection on the basis of thirty-three per cent reservation for women which has not been provided.

6. In view thereof, there is no ground to entertain the present petition and it stands dismissed.

31.07.2025

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(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned?
Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No