

13.	Senior Scientific Officer (Cyber Forensics)	(i) M.Sc. (Computer Science)/ Master in Computer Application (MCA) with Ist Division from a recognized university <u>OR</u> Bachelor in Engineering (Computer Science) with Ist Division from a recognized university. (ii) 3 years experience in Cyber Forensics in a recognized institute. (iii) Hindi/Sanskrit upto Matric standard or Higher education. <u>Desirable:</u> Experience of working in a Forensic Science Laboratory.
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4. The advertisement has now been issued for inviting applications for the post of Senior Scientific Officer (Cyber Forensics). The petitioners are aggrieved by the exclusion of Forensic Sciences as one of the permissible qualification for the post. The qualification held by the petitioners is Master Degree in Forensic Sciences.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioners fervently urges that the exclusion of Forensics as a subject in Post Graduation for the post is wholly irrational and arbitrary.

6. The submission (supra) is opposed by Mr. Saurabh Mohunta, DAG, Haryana.

7. The advertisement under challenge in this petition is in accordance with the prescription of qualification under the Rules. The post in question is Senior Scientific Officer (Cyber Forensics). The qualification required for the post is M.Sc. (Computer Science)/Master in Computer

Application (MCA) with Ist Division or Bachelor in Engineering (Computer Science) with Ist Division from a recognized university. In addition to the aforesaid qualifications, a candidate must have 3 years experience in Cyber Forensics in a recognized institute.

8. The post itself requires expert knowledge in the field of Cyber as well as Forensics. For ensuring that the candidate has requisite expertise in the field of Cyber area, the Rules require the candidate to have requisite knowledge in the field of Computers. For knowledge in the field of Forensics the candidate is required to have experience in Cyber Forensics from a recognized institution. The qualification, thus prescribed, adequately takes care of the requirement of work to be performed by the person concerned. It cannot be said that the prescription of qualification is wholly irrational.

9. Law is otherwise settled that in matters of prescription of qualification, it would be the Department or the authority to determine the qualification. Ordinarily, this Court would not be justified in interfering in such matters. It is otherwise not shown that the prescription of qualification is wholly irrational or arbitrary.

10. Insofar as the claim of the petitioners is concerned, though they allege to be experts in the field of Forensics, but their qualification does not meet the requirement of knowledge in the field of Cyber. In such view of the matter, we do not find any substance in the challenge laid to the Rules or the advertisement by the petitioners. Accordingly, the Writ Petition is **dismissed.**

11. All pending applications, if any, in this case are disposed of accordingly.

[ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA]
JUDGE

[KULDEEP TIWARI]
JUDGE

July 25, 2025
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<i>Whether speaking / reasoned</i>	:	<i>Yes</i>	/	<i>No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	:	<i>Yes</i>	/	<i>No</i>