



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

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CWP-21619-2025

Decided On: 29.07.2025

RITU MALIK AND OTHERS**....PETITIONER(s)****Versus****STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS****....RESPONDENT(s)****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA**

Present: Mr. Mazlish Khan, Advocate
for the petitioners.

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA J.(Oral)

The petition has been filed, *inter alia*, seeking a writ of *certiorari* quashing clause 6 of the Information Bulletin/Guidelines/Instructions titled 'Scheme of Examination', issued by the fifth respondent/Board of School Education, to the extent the scheme/structure and content of the Haryana Teacher Eligibility Test (HTET) has been altered by including General Studies of thirty marks, which is violative of the Guidelines issued by the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), dated 11.02.2011.

2. As per facts apparent on record, the notification for holding HTET exam was issued by the Board in November, 2024; last date to submit the applications was 14.11.2024. The exam is now slated for 30/31.07.2025.

3. Learned counsel contends that clause 6 of the Information Bulletin prescribes scheme/structure and content of the Test, which is as under:

**6.1- Level -1- For becoming Teacher for Classes I-V: Primary
Teacher**



There shall be only one paper. All questions will be Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) each carrying one mark with four alternatives out of which one answer will be correct.

Scheme/Structure for Primary Teacher (PRT):

No. of MCQs-150; Duration of examination: Two-and-a-half hours.

(i) Child Development and Pedagogy	30 MCQs	30 Marks
(ii) Languages	30 MCQs	30 Marks
(Hindi 15 MCQs and English 15 MCQs)		
(iii) General Studies	30 MCQs	30 Marks
(Quantitative Aptitude 10 MCQs, Reasoning Ability 10 MCQs and Haryana G.K. and Awareness 10 MCQs)		
(iv) Mathematics	30 MCQs	30 Marks
(v) Environmental Studies	30 MCQs	30 Marks
Total		150 Marks

He further contends that the scheme is in violation of the NCTE Guidelines dated 11.02.2011, wherein it is prescribed that there will be two language papers, language I and language II, of thirty marks each; no paper for General Studies has been prescribed therein. Accordingly, the structure of HTET notified by the Board by including the paper of General Studies and reducing the marks of language paper from sixty to thirty, is in violation of the Guidelines.

4. Heard.
5. Learned counsel has not been able to point out any stipulation in the Guidelines issued by the NCTE, dated 11.02.2011, which mandates that the structure/content of exam prescribed therein regarding two language papers of thirty marks each is to be followed by the Board of School Education for the HTET exam. Even otherwise, there is no reason for this Court to believe that the examining body is not free to design scheme/structure of the Test being taken by it to test ability of the candidates



for appointment as School Teacher. Accordingly, in case it has been decided to include General Studies as a content in the exam for thirty marks or reduce the marks of language paper, no exception can be taken to it. There is nothing on record to indicate that it has been arbitrarily done, or has no relevance to the Test as such. Besides, the languages remain a content of the exam, as required by the Guidelines as well.

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

29.07.2025
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(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned?
Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No