

2026.PHHC:027584



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

201

CWP-11383-2001 (O&M)

Date of decision: February 20, 2026

RISHI PAL AND ANOTHER

...Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND ANOTHER

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present: None for the petitioners.

Mr. Rohit Arya, Additional Advocate General, Haryana.

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA, J. (ORAL)

The petition has been filed *inter alia* seeking a writ of *certiorari* quashing advertisement 01/99, dated 14.11.1999, to the extent M.A. Social Work has not been prescribed as a qualification for the post of Lecturer in Sociology (School Cadre), and also the letters dated 04.07.2001, whereby the petitioners' applications for the post have been rejected on account of not possessing the requisite qualification with fifty per cent marks.

2. Learned State counsel contended that as per stipulation in the advertisement, the requisite qualifications for the post in question were the following:

- (i) M.A./M.Sc./M.Com. with at least 50% marks in the relevant subject from a recognised university.
- (ii) Knowledge of Hindi up to Matric standard.

The petitioners concededly did not have a degree of M.A. Sociology with fifty per cent marks. And were not considered eligible on the basis of their

M.A. Social Work degree, as there was no stipulation in the advertisement that any qualification equivalent to the requisite qualification could be considered valid for the post in question.

- 3. The facts aforementioned are not in dispute. Therefore, the petitioners were rightly considered ineligible for the post in question, and no exception can be taken to rejection of their candidature.
- 4. Dismissed.
- 5. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

February 20, 2026
Jaspreet Kaur

(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No