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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision: 08.05.2026

Vivek Kumar

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Haryana and another

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present:- Mr. A.S. Nirmaan, Advocate for the petitioner

Mr. Aakash Singla, Additional Advocate General, Haryana

Ms. Harpriya Khaneka, Advocate for respondent no.2/HPSC

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA, J. (Oral)

The petition has been filed *inter alia* seeking a writ of *certiorari* quashing the letter dated 10.09.2025, Annexure P-13, whereby the petitioner's candidature for the post of PGT (Chemistry) against advertisement 19/2024 has been rejected on the ground of not fulfilling the requisite qualification, i.e., Masters of Science (M.Sc.) in Chemistry. Further, a writ of *mandamus* has been sought directing the respondents to issue appointment to the petitioner.

2. Learned counsel contended that the objection is baseless, as the petitioner's degree of M.Sc. (Analytical Chemistry) from National Institute of Technology (NIT), Warangal, Telangana, Annexure P-2, is equivalent to M.Sc. (Chemistry), as certified by the Dean (Academic) as well as Head of the Chemistry Department of the NIT, vide a certificate dated 21.08.2024, Annexure P-5.

3. Learned counsel for the Commission, however, contends that the decision to reject the petitioner's candidature has been taken based upon the experts' advice obtained from the Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra, as conveyed vide communication dated 20.03.2026, whereby the following reasoned opinion has been given:

“The degree of M.Sc. Analytical Chemistry of National, Institute of Warangal is not equivalent to M.Sc. Chemistry of Kurukshetra University as in Analytical Chemistry specialization there is more emphasis on analytical tools and instrumental techniques that are much useful for analysis purposes in industries rather than imparting the fundamental concepts and their applied extension of core chemistry specialization (Inorganic/Physical/ Organic) that is being dealt in M.Sc. Chemistry of Kurukshetra University.”

4. Heard.

5. The rejection of the petitioner's candidature is owing to his failure to fulfil the requisite qualification of M.Sc. (Chemistry). The degree of M.Sc. (Analytical Chemistry), awarded to him by NIT, Warangal, has not been considered equivalent to M.Sc. (Chemistry) by the experts from the Kurukshetra University, as aforementioned. And this Court finds no reason to differ with the same. Further, even the certificate dated 21.08.2024, issued by the NIT, relied upon by the petitioner, does not in any manner establish that his degree is equivalent to M.Sc. (Chemistry), as it is only to the effect that, *‘the Chemistry Department offers a two-year regular full time degree program in M.Sc. Chemistry (Analytical Chemistry specialisation in 2nd year) which is also equivalent to M.Sc. Chemistry.’*

6. Accordingly, no exception can be taken to the decision to reject his candidature.

7. Dismissed.

(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE

08.05.2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No