



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

Sr. No.209

CWP-5888-2019 (O&M)

Date of decision: 01.04.2026

Naveen Chahal

..... Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Haryana and another

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA

Present: Mr. Surinder K. Daaria, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Ravi Partap Singh, DAG, Haryana.

DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA, J.(Oral)

1 In the present writ petition, the petitioner has challenged the order/communication dated 14.02.2019 (Annexure P-6), whereby, 04 marks for additional qualification have been declined to the petitioner.

2. The brief facts of the case are that respondent No.2 issued an advertisement dated 16.04.2018 (Annexure P-1), whereby, 5000 posts of male constables (general duty) were advertised. The petitioner belongs to the general category and had applied in pursuant to the abovesaid advertisement dated 16.04.2018 (Annexure P-1). The last date of submission of application form was 25.10.2018. The minimum qualification required by the candidate was that the candidate must have passed 10+2 or its equivalent qualification from a recognized board or institution. As per the advertisement, the candidate was entitled for grant



of additional marks on account of additional qualification. The candidate who had the qualification of graduation was entitled for 04 marks while a candidate with the qualification of post graduation decree was entitled for additional 03 marks subject to maximum of 07 marks. The application form of the petitioner was accepted by the respondent-department and was called for physical measurement test (PHT). The petitioner duly participated in the physical measurement test and qualified the same. Thereafter, the petitioner appeared for scrutiny of documents on 13.02.2019. The final result was declared by the respondents on 28.02.2019. In the final result, it was shown that the petitioner had secured 53.80 marks. It transpires that during the scrutiny of the documents, respondents provided an order/communication dated 14.02.2019 (Annexure P-6) to the petitioner, wherein, no additional marks were awarded to the petitioner for higher qualification i.e. graduation. Aggrieved against the abovesaid order/communication dated 14.02.2019 (Annexure P-6), the petitioner has filed the present writ petition.

3. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that as the petitioner, had the qualification of graduation, as such, he is entitled for grant of additional 04 marks. Accordingly, if the same is taken into consideration, the petitioner would secure more marks than the last selected candidate. As such, the petitioner is entitled to be considered for appointment on the post of male constable (general duty).



4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondents-State submits that the last date of submission of application form was 25.10.2018 and the petitioner did not acquire the qualification of graduation on or before the last of submission of application form i.e. 25.10.2018. He submits that the petitioner acquired the qualification after the cut-off date, as such, the same cannot be taken into consideration for the purpose of grant of additional 04 marks to the petitioner. As such, the petitioner has rightly not been selected for appointment on the post of male constable (general duty).

5. I have heard the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the parties at length and have perused the record with their able assistance.

6. The issue involved in the present writ petition is whether, the petitioner is entitled for grant of 04 additional marks taking into consideration additional qualification of “graduation”. A perusal of the facts of the present case would show that it is admitted fact that the last date for submission of application form was 25.10.2018. It is not in dispute that the petitioner acquired higher qualification of graduation after the last date of submission of the application form i.e. 25.10.2018.

7. It is well settled law that the eligibility has to be seen taking into consideration the last date of submission of application form. As the petitioner did not possess the qualification of graduation on or before the last date of submission of application form, as such, the respondents have

rightly not considered the higher qualification of graduation acquired by the petitioner for the purpose of awarding 04 additional marks.

8. Taking into consideration the facts of the present case, this Court finds no merit in the present writ petition and the same is hereby dismissed.

9. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, also stands disposed of.

(DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA)
JUDGE

01.04.2026
Ramandeep Singh

Whether speaking / reasoned	Yes / No
Whether Reportable	Yes/ No