



112 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-6284-2026

Date of Decision : 02.04.2026

Sahil and Others ...Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and OthersRespondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present: Mr. Ashish Kumar Sharma, Advocate and
Mr. Brijesh Singh Dadwal, Advocate for the petitioners.

Ms. Tanushree Gupta, Senior Deputy Advocate General, Haryana.

Mr. Kanwal Goyal, Advocate and
Ms. Sheena Dahiya, Advocate for respondent no.2/HPSC.

Mr. K.K. Gupta, Advocate for respondent no.3/Board.

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA, J. (ORAL)

The petition has been filed, *inter alia*, seeking a writ of *mandamus* directing the second respondent/Haryana Public Service Commission (HPSC) to permit the petitioners to provisionally participate in the selection process for the post of PGT Computer Science against advertisement 23/2026 dated 05.02.2026, Annexure P-4, subject to their qualifying the Haryana Teachers Eligibility Test (HTET) examination some time in future.

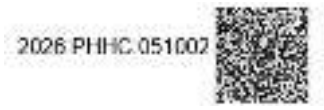
2. Learned counsel contended that third respondent/Board of School Education Haryana accepted the application forms for conducting HTET-2025 examination in December, 2025. As per the notice published on its official website, Annexure P-3, the tentative dates for the examination were indicated as 17/18.01.2026. However, the test has not been conducted to date, nor has it



been re-scheduled. This has caused serious prejudice to the petitioners as they have been deprived of the opportunity to participate in the selection process for the posts aforementioned, for which closing date to submit the applications was 09.03.2026.

3. On the other hand, learned counsel for third respondent/Board has filed a short affidavit of Sh. Jagdish Parsad, Deputy Secretary (Legal), Board of School Education dated 30.03.2026, which is taken on record. Referring to the same, he submits that online applications were invited for HTET-2025, and the tentative examination dates were also notified. However, prior permission of the Government was required for conducting the test, for which a communication dated 15.12.2025, Annexure R-3/1, was sent well in time, but the permission was not granted. Resultantly, the exam could not be conducted. He also submitted that the Board had conducted HTET-2024 prior thereto on 30 and 31 July 2025, and its result was announced on 10.11.2025.

4. As apparent on record, one of the essential requirements for the post of PGT Computer Science is to qualify the HTET/STET. This requirement is in terms of statutory service rules - The Haryana State Education School Cadre (Group B) Service Rules, 2012. The petitioners concededly do not fulfill the same as they have not cleared the HTET. Their prayer for provisional participation in the selection process *de hors* fulfilling this essential requirement cannot be granted, as there is no provision for its relaxation and all the candidates are required to possess the same on the closing date, i.e., 09.03.2026. Merely because HTET - 2025 has not been conducted, it does not confer any vested right upon the petitioners to seek provisional participation, especially when they had the opportunity to appear in HTET - 2024 conducted a few



months back in July 2025. Qualifying the same would have made them eligible for the posts in question. However, they failed to take the test for no reason. It is also not the case that they were not eligible to appear for it.

5. Accordingly, finding no merit in the present petition, it stands dismissed.

April 02, 2026
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(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/ reasoned : *Yes/No*
Whether reportable : *Yes/No*