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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-6721-2026

Date of decision: March 06, 2026

DIKSHA RANA AND OTHERS

...Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present: Mr. Vikas K. Sangwan, Advocate with
Ms. Monika Sangwan, Advocate and
Ms. Anshika, Advocate
for the petitioners.

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

Mr. Kanwal Goyal, Advocate
for the respondent-HPSC.

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA, J. (ORAL)

The petition has been filed *inter alia* seeking a writ of *mandamus* directing the respondents to grant relaxation from possessing HTET Level-III qualification prescribed as per Appendix 'B' of the Haryana State Education School Cadre (Group B) Service Rules, 2012, Annexure P-2, for the post of Post Graduate Teacher (PGT) Computer Science against advertisement 23/2026, dated 05.02.2026. Further, a direction has been sought to the respondents to carry out amendments in the said Rules for giving the relaxation.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that the post of PGT (Computer Science) had earlier been advertised vide advertisement 26/2023 and 36/2023, but as per the selection result dated 05.02.2026, only

about thirty-nine candidates could be selected. This shows candidates with the requisite caliber are not available for selection, still the respondents have issued the advertisement in question, again inviting applications for 1672 posts of PGT (Computer Science), requiring the candidates to qualify HTET Level-III as an essential requirement. The last such test was conducted only in July, 2025. Therefore, the Rules need to be relaxed so far as this requirement is concerned. *Secondly*, he has referred to application dated 12.09.2023 sent by Director, Secondary Education, to Chairperson, National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE), Annexure P-7, seeking relaxation in educational qualification for the post of PGT (Computer Science) to the extent it prescribes B.Ed. as an essential qualification. One-time exemption from possessing B.Ed. for filling up the post of PGT (Computer Science) was granted by NCTE vide resolution dated 04.12.2023, requiring the candidates to acquire the said qualification by 2028, and the Government was directed to carry out necessary amendments in the service rules. On the same lines, it has been contended that relaxation should be granted to the petitioners herein for possessing HTET Level-III qualification.

3. Considering the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner, this Court finds no ground to entertain the petition. Merely because sufficient number of candidates could not clear the selection process to be appointed against the advertised posts, it cannot in itself be a ground for the petitioner to seek relaxation. Also, there is no basis to conclude that the candidates who could not clear the process in first attempt, cannot do so in the next attempt. It is not the case that a candidate can participate in

the process only once. Still further, it cannot be assumed that all those who cleared HTET Level-III appeared in the earlier selection process. Additionally, it is not the case that HTET has not been conducted in the State of Haryana for a long time, as concededly it has been conducted in July, 2025 itself.

4. To consider the next contention, relaxation in B.Ed. qualification allowed by the NCTE was for different reasons. It cannot be made a ground to seek exemption from clearing HTET for the selection in question. The exemption was sought and granted considering the following aspects, which are self-explanatory and find mention in the memo dated 12.09.2023 itself:

The State Government seeks relaxation from making B.Ed. as mandatory qualifications in the subject for PGT Computer Science as per provisions given in your regulation on the following grounds:-

1. The State Govt. in the year 2015 has already recruited 449 PGTs in Computer Science against advertisement No.5/2015 as per the qualifications of Rules, 2012. Presently, against advertisement made by HPSC in 24.06.2023, 5929 (ROH) and 2780 (Mewat Cadre) applications have been received to HPSC. Changing of qualifications at this stage will affect the interest of these applicants and may lead to multiplication of litigations.

2. Some States has not included B.Ed. as essential qualifications for PGT Computer Science and some States have included B.Ed. as essential qualifications for PGT Computer Science. In Kendriya Vidyalaya also, B.Ed. is not an essential qualifications for the post of PGT Computer Science.

3. Being technical subject, the condition of B.Ed. should not be imposed for the post of PGT Computer Science. As written test will be conducted for selection of PGTs, then suitable candidate will be selected which will be more beneficial for the studies of the students.

It is therefore, you are requested to grant the necessary relaxation for not inclusion of B.Ed. as mandatory qualifications for PGT Computer Science. So that the reply in the above said CWP be filed accordingly.

Such reasons do not exist so far as the qualification of HTET Level-III is concerned, nor has it been prescribed for the first time. Besides, there is a specific requirement under the statutory service rules for the candidate to clear HTET Level-III to be eligible for the post in question and the requirements in the advertisement are in line therewith, which cannot be taken exception to.

5. Dismissed.

March 06, 2026

Jaspreet Kaur

(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes/No*

Whether reportable : *Yes/No*