



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

Sr. No.119

CWP-8776-2026

Date of Decision: 06.04.2026

Parshant

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and another

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present: Mr. Ajay Ghanghas, Advocate, and
Mr. Rishabh Chaudhary, Advocate, for the petitioner.

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

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA, J. (ORAL)

The petition has been filed *inter alia* seeking a writ of *mandamus* directing the respondents to treat the petitioner as a candidate belonging to Economically Weaker Section (EWS) category for recruitment to the post of Primary Teacher (PRT) against advertisement 5/2024, dated 09.08.2024.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contended that on account of a valid EWS category certificate having not been issued by the competent authority at the time of submitting application form, the petitioner could not apply for the post in question under the said category and had to apply as a General category candidate. As per written test result announced on 07.05.2025, he was shortlisted for scrutiny of documents but his EWS category certificate, dated 20.08.2024, was not accepted, and was not called for interview. In these facts and circumstances, his candidature is required to be considered under EWS category, to which he belongs.



3. *Per contra*, learned State counsel contended that after participating in the selection process as a General category candidate, the petitioner cannot be allowed to change his category at this stage. The closing date for submission of applications for the post was 21.08.2024, and the candidates had the opportunity to edit their application form till that date. Still the petitioner failed to make any such correction/modification, for which the Commission cannot be blamed.

4. Considering the submissions made by learned counsel for the parties, this Court is not inclined to entertain the petition on the ground that after willingly participating in the selection process as a General category candidate, the petitioner cannot be allowed to change his category and seek re-consideration as an EWS category candidate. Besides, as per his own case, the EWS certificate was issued to him prior to the closing date for submission of applications/21.08.2024, and he had the opportunity to apply under the category by correcting/modifying his application form in terms of the stipulation contained in clause 9.2 of the advertisement. The petitioner, however, failed to do so for no valid reason. It is also not the case that he could not edit the form and/or upload the EWS certificate on account of some fault, nor was any such issue ever brought to the Commission’s notice at the relevant time.

5. In view thereof, finding no merit in the petition, it stands dismissed.

(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE

06.04.2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No