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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-11103-2026 (O&M)
Date of decision: 06.05.2026

Tahir Hussain and another

... Petitioners

Vs.

State of Haryana and another

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. M.D. Khan, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Piyush Khanna, Addl. AG, Haryana.

Ms. Preeti Chhikara, Advocate for
Mr. Vikrant Pamboo, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. Present writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of *certiorari* seeking quashing of the corrigendum dated 16.03.2026 (Annexure P-3) issued by respondent No.2 to the extent of its implementation without providing opportunity to update or resubmit applications and further to issue a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the respondents to provide a fresh

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opportunity to update/re-submit application forms pursuant to aforesaid corrigendum (Annexure P-3), to issue clear and transparent instructions; to keep posts vacant and also to restrain finalization of the selection process.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners, *inter alia*, contends that respondent No.2-Commission issued advertisement No.04/2026 on 06.02.2026 for the selection of various posts in Group 'C' through CET Phase-II and last date for submission of the application was fixed as 23.02.2026, as discernible from Annexure P-1. The petitioners being fully eligible and belonging to EWS category, duly submitted their online application (Annexure P-2) within the stipulated time. Thereafter, a corrigendum (Annexure P-3) was issued on 16.03.2026 modifying the number of posts under Group 7 without providing any timeline to update or re-submit the applications. On the same date i.e. 16.03.2026, a separate notice (Annexure P-4) was issued, vide which time to edit/update the information was granted from 16.03.2026 to 19.03.2026, however, it did not refer to the corrigendum. As such, many candidates including the petitioners were prejudiced by the manner, in which the corrigendum and public notice were issued, as the same were not properly published and communicated to the already registered candidates. Thus, due to lack of clarity and improper communication, the petitioners could not update their application forms for the revised posts under EWS category. Thereafter, the petitioners served legal notice dated 01.04.2026 (Annexure P-5), but no response has been received



till date. It is thus contended that the impugned corrigendum and public notice (Annexures P-3 & P-4) are arbitrary and non-transparent and same have been issued in opaque manner.

3. *Per contra*, learned State counsel, on instructions from Mr. Mohkam Singh, Assistant, office of respondent No.2-Commission, submits that the stand taken by the petitioners in the present petition is totally misconceived and incorrect, as corrigendum dated 16.03.2026 (Annexure P-3) was widely circulated. It was not only published in the newspapers but also uploaded on the official website of respondent No.2-Commission. As such, contention of the petitioner that the corrigendum was not brought to the notice of all the candidates is contrary to the official record. Moreover, the petitioners have not acted diligently and thus, due to their own lapse, they are not entitled to any relief.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record of the case with their able assistance.

5. From perusal of the record, it transpires that the corrigendum and public notice (Annexures P-3 & P-4) were issued on 16.03.2026, which were published in the newspapers and were also uploaded on the official website of respondent No.2-Commission. Further, vide public notice (Annexure P-4), an opportunity was granted to the aspiring candidates, who could not fill their application forms against advertisement Nos.01/2026, 02/2026, 03/2026 &



04/2026 by their respective cut-off dates and also, time of 04 days i.e. from 16.03.2026 to 19.03.2026 was granted to all the already registered candidates, including the petitioners to edit/update the information, if any. However, the petitioners could not do the needful within the stipulated time and by way of filing the present petition, they intend to seek further time to update or re-submit the application forms.

6. In view of the above, this Court does not find any ground to interfere in the matter by exercising the extraordinary powers under Article 226 of the Constitution of India. Accordingly, the present petition is dismissed.

7. The pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

[HARPREET SINGH BRAR]
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No