



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

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CWP-16194-2026

Date of decision : 22.05.2026

Prinka Choudary

....Petitioner

V/S

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. Parvesh K. Saini, Advocate with
Mr. Ashutosh Bhardwaj & Mr. Budhadev Maity,
Advocates for the petitioner.

NAMIT KUMAR, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner has filed the instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, seeking issuance of a writ of certiorari for quashing the action of the respondent-department in not considering the petitioner on the post of Special Educator Teacher (Primary Cadre), particularly keeping in view the fact that the petitioner has been an exemplary in academics and secured 69% marks in D.ED., 60% marks in PSTET-1 and Graduation with 44.94% (45% after rounding off). Further, seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the respondent-department to appoint the petitioner on the abovesaid post and to grant her all notional and consequential benefits from the date on which her counterparts, who were lower in merit, were appointed.

2. As per the advertisement dated 21.07.2025, the prescribed qualification for the post of Special Educator Teacher (Primary Cadre)



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(Group-C) was Graduation in any stream from a recognized University with minimum 45% marks in the case of SC/ST/OBC/Physically Handicapped candidates. The petitioner, who applied under the BC category, secured 44.94% marks in Graduation. Since she fell short of the prescribed eligibility criterion by 0.06%, her candidature was not considered by the respondents for the said post. Aggrieved thereby, the petitioner has approached this Court seeking a direction to the respondents to round off her marks from 44.94% to 45% so as to make her eligible and enable her selection to the aforesaid post.

3. It is a settled proposition of law that rounding off marks is not permissible in law. Reference in this regard can be made to the judgments passed by Hon'ble Supreme Court in ***Orissa Public Service Commission and another Vs. Rupashree Chowdhary and another : 2011 (4) SCT 49; Bhanu Pratap Vs. State of Haryana and others : 2011(4) SCT 67*** and ***The Registrar, Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences, Bangalore Vs. G. Hemlatha and others : 2012 (4) SCT 157,***

4. In view of the above, there is no merit in the present petition and the same is hereby dismissed.

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No