HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

WRIT - A No. - 17613 of 2026

Basudha Sharma

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State Of U.P. And 2 Others

.....Respondent(s)

Counsel for Petitioner(s)	:	Ajal Krishna
Counsel for Respondent(s)	:	C.S.C., Kushmondeya Shahi

Court No. - 52

HON'BLE MRS. MANJU RANI CHAUHAN, J.

1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner, Mr. Siddharth Singhal, learned counsel for the respondent nos. 2&3, and learned Standing Counsel for the State-respondent.

2. This writ petition has been filed with a prayer to direct respondent Nos. 2 and 3 to produce OMR Sheet No. 1100000751 of the petitioner and to get the same evaluated if not already evaluated, as well as with a further prayer to direct the respondents to permit the petitioner to appear in the interview for the post of Principal in aided degree colleges of Uttar Pradesh scheduled to be held from 27.10.2026 to 30.10.2026, if the marks obtained by the petitioner are above the cut-off marks fixed by the Uttar Pradesh Education Service Selection Commission (UPESSC), Prayagraj, as well as with a further prayer to direct the respondents to appoint the petitioner on the post of Principal in aided degree colleges of Uttar Pradesh if she finally succeeds, and with a further prayer that till the declaration of final result, one post of Principal in aided degree colleges may not be filled during the pendency of the present writ petition.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that, while filling the OMR Sheet, the petitioner inadvertently marked the Question Booklet Number incorrectly. It is contended that the error is purely inadvertent and constitutes a curable defect. Therefore, it was incumbent upon the invigilator to permit the petitioner to rectify the said mistake at the relevant time.

4. On the other hand, learned counsel appearing for respondent Nos. 2 and 3, placing emphasis on the instructions in the advertisement in question annexed at page 25 of the writ petition, as well as the instructions contained in the question paper booklet annexed at page 64 of the writ petition, submits

that Instruction No. 9.7 of the advertisement in question and Instruction No. 4 of the question paper booklet are relevant for the controversy involved. The said instructions are reproduced hereinbelow: -

"9.7 ओ0एम0आर0 शीट पर अभ्यर्थी अपना अनुक्रमांक, विषय का सही कोड, प्रश्न पुस्तिका संख्या व सीरीज साफ-साफ लिखें, अन्यथा ओ0एम0आर0 शीट का मूल्यांकन नहीं किया जाएगा और इसकी जिम्मेदारी स्वयं अभ्यर्थी की होगी।"

"4. उत्तर-पत्रक (ओ0एम0आर0 शीट) पर अभ्यर्थी अपना अनुक्रमांक, विषय कोड, प्रश्न पुस्तिका संख्या, केंद्र कोड तथा उत्तरित प्रश्नों की संख्या स्वच्छतापूर्वक लिखें, अन्यथा उत्तर-पत्रक का मूल्यांकन नहीं किया जाएगा और सम्पूर्ण जिम्मेदारी स्वयं अभ्यर्थी की होगी।"

5. Learned counsel appearing for respondent Nos. 2 and 3 submits that the petitioner has not filled the Question Booklet Number in the OMR Sheet correctly, therefore her answer sheet has not been evaluated. As per the aforesaid instructions placed at pages 25 and 64, no such relief can be granted to the petitioner. It is further submitted that in case the Roll Number, subject, subject code, Question Booklet number, or any other requisite particulars are not filled correctly, the candidature of the petitioner cannot be considered. Learned counsel has also placed reliance on the judgment rendered in a similar matter in Writ-A No. 9774 of 2026 (Rajat Yadav vs. State of U.P. and 2 Others). Therefore, no interference is called for.

6. In view of the above, the writ petition lacks merit and is, accordingly, **dismissed**.

October 24, 2026
Jitendra/-

(Mrs. Manju Rani Chauhan,J.)

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JITENDRA KUMAR YADAV
High Court of Judicature at Allahabad