



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

CWP-14547-2025

Date of Decision:04.09.2025

Karamjit Kaur

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

Coram : **Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.S.Shekhawat**

Present : Mr. S.K Liberhan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Surya Kumar, AAG, Punjab.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1. The petitioner has filed the present writ petition under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India with a prayer to issue a writ in the nature of Certiorari for setting aside the impugned order dated 09.04.2025 (Annexure P-10) passed by the respondents, whereby, the petitioner was declared as ineligible for the post of Veterinary Inspector on the ground that she had qualified 10+2 class, which was the basic qualification, after the last date of submission of application form for the said post.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that on 04.12.2022, respondent No.2 had issued a notification for the recruitment of 60 posts of Veterinary-Inspector (Group-C) out of which 22 posts were reserved for general category, whereas, 11 posts were reserved for S.C category. As per the said notification/advertisement, the following educational qualifications were laid down by the respondents:-

Education Qualification:-

i) 10+2 with Physics, Chemistry and Biology/Math subjects from a recognized University/Board. 10+2 with Biology/Math, Physics, Chemistry and English subjects from a recognized University/Board and

ii) Should possess a Diploma in Veterinary Science and Animal Health Technology of two years duration or its equivalent from any recognized university:

iii) As per the provisions made in Punjab Civil Services (Common Conditions) Rules, 1994 should pass a Punjabi upto matric standard.

iv) With regards to the recruitment of abovesaid posts, the eligibility of Punjab Subject would be as per the Punjab Government Notification titled as The Punjab Civil Services (General and Common Conditions of Service) Rules, 2022 No.G.S.R.72/Const/Art. 309/Amd.(22)/2202 dated 28.10.2022. The meaning of this rule is as follows:-

"Provided that an person shall be appointed to any post in Group-'C' service unless he has passed a qualifying test of Punjabi Language equivalent to Matriculation standard with at least fifty percent marks, to be conducted by respective recruitment agencies in addition to competitive examination. The test of Punjabi Language shall be a mandatory qualifying test and failure to secure a minimum of fifty percent marks in Punjabi Language will disqualify the candidate for being considered in final merit list of candidates to be selected irrespective of their scores or marks in the other papers of the respective exam.

Provided further that where a person".

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that at the time of applying for the aforesaid post, the petitioner admittedly did not possess a 10+2

certificate with Physics, Chemistry, English and Biology/Mathematics. Still, she applied for the said post. During the process of selection, the petitioner was issued an E-Admit card and also appeared in the examination. Subsequently the result (Annexure P-5) was declared, whereby, the petitioner was placed at serial No.843. In the meantime, during the selection process on 21.06.2024, the petitioner had obtained 10+2 certificate in the subjects Hindi, Biology, English, Chemistry and Physics. He further contends that on 22.09.2024, the result was declared by the respondents and the petitioner was declared as “not eligible” for the aforementioned post without providing any justification or basis for such a decision.

4. I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner at length and perused the record carefully.

5. It is an admitted case of the petitioner that as per the advertisement (Annexure P-1), the educational qualification for the post of Veterinary Inspector was laid down and every candidate was supposed to hold 10+2 certificate with Physics, Chemistry and Biology/Mathematics subjects from a recognised University/Board. Admittedly, on the last date of submission of application form for the said post, the petitioner was not holding the said certificate. Consequently, the petitioner has been rightly declared as “not qualified” by the official respondents. Even, the Hon’ble Supreme Court in Civil Appeal No.8828-2022, decided on 23.11.2022, titled as “**Himachal Pradesh State Electricity Board Ltd. and Anr. Vs. Dharminder Singh** held that cut off date for acquiring the qualification advertised is the last date of application. Even, similar observations have been made by Division Bench of this Court in a case LPA No.571 of 2022, titled as “**Sharvan Kumar Vs. State**

of Haryana” that a candidate must meet eligibility criteria including the academic qualifications on or before the cut off date specified in the recruitment advertisement and the certificates/qualifications obtained post the cut off date cannot be considered for eligibility of a candidate.

6. In view of the above discussion, findings no merit the present petition is ordered to be dismissed.

7. Dismissed accordingly.

(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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