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

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Date of Decision: 24.04.2025

Ankush Kumar and others

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

Haryana Public Service Commission

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present:- Mr. Ravinder Singh Dhull, Advocate for the petitioners

Mr. Balvinder Sangwan, Advocate for the respondent/
Commission**TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA, J. (Oral)**

The petition has been filed *inter alia* seeking a writ of *certiorari* quashing the impugned results/notices, dated 15.04.2025 and 11.04.2025, Annexures P-6 and P-7 respectively, whereby the petitioners have been declared failed in the Skill Test conducted for the posts of Assistant Professor Music (Instrumental) and Assistant Professor Music (Vocal), in response to advertisement 42 to 67 of 2024, dated 02.08.2024.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the Skill Test was not conducted as per the prescribed criteria, which is as follows:

Sr. No.	Particulars	Maximum Marks
1.	Performance as per candidate's choice	25
2.	Performance as per expert choice	25
	Total	50

Note:-

1. The candidates are directed to report at 08:30 A.M.



2. Candidate has to secure minimum 25 marks out of 50 to qualify for the Subject Knowledge Test.

The candidates were not given a chance to perform as per their choice. Besides, the experts who were taking the test were not qualified in the subject concerned, as for the post of Assistant Professor Music (Instrumental), the experts of Music (Vocal) were deputed, and *vice versa*. The petitioners have been illegally declared fail on the basis of a test conducted in violation of the laid down criteria.

3. *Per contra*, learned counsel for the Commission, appearing on advance notice, contends that the test was conducted strictly as per the criteria by the qualified subject experts from 6 to 10 April, 2025. All the candidates, including the petitioners, appeared for the same and the result for the post of Assistant Professor Music (Vocal) was declared on 11.04.2025, and for that of Assistant Professor Music (Instrumental) on 15.04.2025. During the test, no objection was raised by the petitioners.

4. Heard.

5. There is nothing on record to even *prima facie* indicate that any of the subject experts was not competent to take the test, nor has any other material been placed on record to establish that the test was not conducted as per the criteria prescribed. Accordingly, this Court has no reason to believe that the Commission faltered and acted contrary to the stipulations in the advertisement. Besides, it remains undisputed that petitioners did not raise any objection regarding alleged violation of the criteria or competence of the subject experts during the test or soon thereafter. After declaration of the result and remaining

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unsuccessful, they cannot be allowed to turn around and raise the objections by filing the instant petition.

6. In view thereof, there is no ground to entertain the petition, and it stands dismissed.

(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No