IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 21664 of 2014(O&M) Date of Order:02.05.2023

Chamandeep Kaur

.Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Tribhuvan Singla, Advocate and

Mr. Rajan Bansal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. R.S.Pandher, Sr. DAG, Punjab

Mr. D.K.Malhotra, Advocate, for respondent no.3

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J

- 1. The petitioner prays for the issuance of a writ in the nature of certiorari to quash the selection of respondent no.5 to 8 as Supervisors.
- 2. The petitioner is working as an Anganwari Worker. A recruitment notice was issued in the year 2013 to recruit 286 Supervisors under the Child Welfare Council, Punjab. The petitioner claims that she possesses a Post Graduation Degree in three subjects, namely, Economic, Punjabi and M.Sc. (Technology), hence she is entitled to 10% marks for holding the additional Post Graduation degrees as per the recruitment notice Annexure P-1. Whereas, it is the stand of the respondent no.3-Council that the petitioner is entitled to only 5% marks on account of the additional post graduation degree irrespective of the number of the additional degrees a candidate holds.
- 3. The relevant part of the recruitment notice is extracted as under:-

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- 10% of total marks obtained in 10% of the total marks obtained 1. 10th class in B.A., B.Sc. or any other Graduate level course. 10% of total marks obtained in 10% of total marks obtained in 2. +2 if any diploma is passed in M.A., M.Sc. or any other Post any of the following fields, then Graduate Level course. 3 marks will be given for that additional M.A is passed then **Diploma** 5% will be taken of total marks 1. Social Security obtained. 2. Women and Children Welfare 5 marks for M.Phil 3. Related to Health 10 marks for Ph.D 4. In the field of Education 5 marks for B.Ed. and 5 marks for M.Ed.
- 4. Clearly, the recruitment notice specifies that a maximum of 5% marks will be awarded for possessing an additional M.A. Degree, while 10% of the total marks obtained in M.A., M.Sc. Or any other post graduate level course have been prescribed. The second point nowhere signifies 5% additional marks for each Post Graduate Level course as the point is written in a singular manner. Though, there is ambiguity in the provision, however, the Selection Committee has consistently interpreted the aforesaid provisions in a particular manner. Moreover, 10 years have elapsed since then.
- 5. At this stage, keeping in view the aforesaid facts and discussion, no ground to issue the writ as prayed for is made out.
- 6. Dismissed.
- 7. All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, are also disposed of.

May 02, 2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned :YES/NO Whether reportable :YES/NO