

## **Vyapam whistle-blower seeks cancellation of PSC 2012 exams**

BHOPAL: Three days after two MP Public Service Commission (MPPSC) aspirants who failed to clear the exam moved high court challenging commission's decision to hold interviews of MPPSC exams 2012, Vyapam whistle-blower from Gwalior Ashish Chaturvedi has written a letter to the chief minister seeking his intervention to cancel the exam.

Chaturvedi said that besides MPPSC exams, the exam papers of ayurvedic medical officer 2013 were also leaked. Both the cases are being investigated by the special task force (STF) of MP.

"When the ayurvedic medical officer exams, also conducted by the PSC, were cancelled, why the commission is conducting the interviews for the state civil service exams," he asked.

The whistle-blower questioned the commission's decision to go ahead with interviews by "undermining", probe report of STF. The investigating agency in its initial report confirmed that the papers of MPPSC-2012 were leaked by the gang. He suspects a "Vyapam-like" scam in the interviews of MP PSC 2012-13 exams. Quoting a Supreme Court order after leak of papers in All India pre -medical and pre-dental test in 2015, Chaturvedi said, the apex court ordered conducting the exams afresh after allegation of paper leakage.

Gwalior bench of MP high court on July 15 issued notice to the MPPSC and the state government.

Selection process for recruitment of nearly 400 seats lying vacant in different state government departments was suspended by MP PSC in July 2014 after it was established the papers of preliminary exam and main exam were leaked. After results of preliminary and main exams held in 2013, around 1,200 candidates were declared eligible for interview round.

Commission was to conduct interviews from July 30, 2014 but in the first week of July, a gang involved in paper leak cases was busted in Delhi and its members admitted to have leaked paper of MPPSC-2012 as well. Following the news, the MPPSC had suspended the interviews.