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High Court vacates stay on teachers' selection in Haryana

CHANDIGARH: The Punjab and Haryana high court on Friday vacated the stay on the selection of around 1,100 trained graduate teachers (TGTs) of various subject in the state education department of Haryana. HC, however, made it clear that stay on the selection of 895 posts of TGT of science subject shall continue.

The HC had stayed the selections in September 2015, and since then the selection on these posts on hold. The court vacated the stay after hearing an application filed by the Haryana government submitting that schools are facing acute shortage of teachers in the state and there was no issue under challenge against the selection of these teachers except TGT science.

The state government also told the HC that already another bench of the high court had summoned the secretary of the Haryana Staff Selection Commission to appear in person for commission's failure to complete the selection process even after such a long time.

On June 25, 2015, Manohar Lal Khattar-led BJP government had advertised for filling 1,919 TGT posts for science, physical education, Urdu, music and home science through the staff selection commission. It was Khattar government's first recruitment process to appoint teachers.

In this case, some candidates having subject of biotechnology in BSc were not eligible for the posts of TGT (science) in accordance with the advertisement and they challenged the process before the HC.

Hearing their petition, a division bench headed by the then Justice S K Mittal on September 17, 2015, stayed the selection of entire recruitment. Since then, the state government had not made any effort to vacate the stay and the matter was pending before the HC.