

HC tells Punjab govt to issue job letters to 41 left-out candidates for Hindi and science masters

The Punjab and Haryana high court has directed Punjab education department to issue appointment letters to all those candidates whose names were in the waiting list for the recruitment of Hindi and science masters' posts advertised in 2011.

The order was passed in a matter wherein the decision of government to issue appointment letters to 31 candidates for the post of Hindi masters and 10 for science masters from the waiting list was challenged by those who were not considered despite being similarly placed.

A total of 3,442 posts of master's cadre were advertised in May 2011, including 863 of Hindi and 953 of science. Petitioner Sonia Sharma and seven other candidates lodged their grievance that a large number of posts of Hindi and science masters remained vacant as many candidates were selected for more than one posts, and on their joining against a post, the other post fell vacant. Later, the education department, after getting orders from the secretary and the minister, offered appointment letters to 31 candidates for the post of Hindi masters and 10 for science, from the waiting list against the vacancies. However, the remaining waiting list was abolished.

Allowing the petitions, justice GS Sandhawalia held that petitioners were also entitled for the appointment, and directed the government to issue appointment letters within three months to all those whose names were there in the waiting list.

“The judgment gives a relief to 29 candidates who were in the waiting list for science masters and 12 for Hindi masters,” one of the counsels, HC Arora, said.