

268. CWP-7566-2026

PARTHESH SHARMA VS PUNJAB PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
AND ANR.

Present: Mr. Eklavya Gupta, Advocate, and
Mr. Parminder Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Charanpreet Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Learned State counsel has filed short reply by way of affidavit of Charanjit Singh, PCS, Secretary, Punjab Public Service Commission, Patiala, Punjab, on behalf of respondent No.1, in Court today. The same is taken on record. A copy thereof has been supplied to learned counsel for the petitioner.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in pursuance to the advertisement dated 02.01.2025 (Annexure P-1), the petitioner applied under Sports Person Punjab (Category-Code No.75). He has referred to clause 5.2 of the advertisement, which reads as under:-

“The scrutiny of application forms shall be done after the conduct of the Mains examination. During the process of scrutiny, the application forms and other relevant documents, certificates, etc. of the candidates shall be examined to determine their eligibility. Candidates not meeting the eligibility criteria will be rejected after the scrutiny process or any time thereafter if found ineligible. The candidature of the candidate shall be provisional till the time of verification of documents of the candidate at the time of interview, when the candidate shall produce his/her original certificates for verification by the Commission.”

He further submits that the petitioner was also issued the roll number for appearing in the preliminary examination under Sports Person Punjab (Category-Code No.75). However, thereafter, two public notices stated to have been issued on 03.10.2025 and 30.10.2025 (Annexures P-4 and P-5) whereby the candidates belonging to Sports Category were directed to submit their Sports Gradation Certificates to the Commission before 21.10.2025 and 07.11.2025 respectively. However, the petitioner could not

submit the said Sports Gradation Certificate, though he was having the same with him, under the impression that as per clause 5.2 of the advertisement, the said documents are to be submitted after the main examination is held. He further submits that non-submission of Gradation Certificate was attributable to a combination of circumstances i.e. absence of any provision on Commission's portal to upload the Gradation Certificate at the application stage; the Commission's failure to individually notify the petitioner despite having his contact details; the continued reflection of Category Code No.75 on the admit card giving rise to a legitimate expectation and an inadvertent lapse on the petitioner's part in not independently tracking the Commission's notices. Therefore, the petitioner should not be deprived of his consideration in the Sports Category once he is having the Sports Gradation Certificate.

Adjourned to 16.05.2026.

In the meanwhile, the petitioner shall be allowed to appear in the main examination under Sports Category-Code No.75 provisionally subject to the final outcome of the present petition. His result shall not be declared without the leave of the Court, and be kept in a sealed cover to be produced on the adjourned date.

(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

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