



**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD
LUCKNOW**

WRIT - A No. - 6252 of 2026

Shalini Pandey

.....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State Of U.P. Thru. Prin/Addl. Secy. Deptt. Of Home Lko.
And 2 Others

.....Respondent(s)

Counsel for Petitioner(s)	:	Anurag Tripathi		
Counsel for Respondent(s)	:	C.S.C., Raj Kumar	Upadhyaya	(R.K.Upadhyaya)

In Residence

HON'BLE AMITABH KUMAR RAI, J.

1. The instant writ petition has been placed before me pursuant to an order passed by Hon'ble the Chief Justice on the administrative side on 27.06.2026 with regard to the urgency of the matter.

2. Heard Sri Anurag Tripathi, learned counsel for the petitioner, Sri Nishant Shukla, learned Additional Chief Standing Counsel for the State-respondent and Sri R.K. Upadhyaya, learned counsel for the Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission.

3. It is the case of the petitioner that she qualified in the preliminary examination conducted for recruitment on the post of Assistant Prosecution Officer (A.P.O.)-2025. Thereafter, she submitted the online application form for the Mains Examination and also dispatched the printed copy of the application form along with all self-attested supporting academic documents by Speed Post on 17.05.2026, which was received in the office of the Commission within time. However, her candidature has been rejected vide order dated 11.06.2026 on the ground that she did not submit the hard copy of the online application form for appearing in the Mains Examination for A.P.O.-2025.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioner has placed reliance upon the order dated 25.06.2026 passed in Writ-A No. 9336 of 2026, *Lovely vs. State of U.P. and Another*, wherein, in a similar matter, this Court provisionally permitted the petitioner therein to appear in the Mains Examination. It is submitted that the case of the present petitioner stands on the same footing.

The said fact has not been denied by learned counsel for the Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission.

5. On being asked, Sri R.K. Upadhyaya, learned counsel for the Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission, has informed the Court that necessary arrangements can be made permitting the petitioner to provisionally appear in the Mains Examination, as the authorities of the Commission are already aware of the filing of the present petition and its listing today.

6. In view of the aforesaid admitted facts, it is provided that the petitioner shall be provisionally permitted to appear in the Mains Examination, which is scheduled to be held today starting at 9:00 A.M. The fact that the petitioner had submitted the online application form for appearing in the said Mains Examination is not disputed by the learned counsel for the Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission. Her candidature has been rejected solely on the ground that she did not submit the hard copy of the application form. Accordingly, the petitioner is permitted to provisionally appear in the Mains Examination, subject to further orders to be passed in the present writ petition.

7. Let a counter affidavit be filed within three weeks from today.

8. Rejoinder affidavit, if any, may be filed within one week thereafter.

9. List this matter on 29.07.2026.

10. In the meantime, the petitioner may also challenge the order dated 11.06.2026, whereby her candidature has been rejected, by filing an appropriate amendment application.

11. Taking into account the urgency of the matter, Sri R.K. Upadhyaya, learned counsel for the Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission, is directed to immediately inform the Secretary, Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission, to take all necessary steps to ensure that the petitioner is permitted to provisionally appear in the Mains Examination at any examination centre in Lucknow.

June 28, 2026
Ashish Dewal

(Amitabh Kumar Rai,J.)