

Madhav Maharawal Sharma Vs. State of HP and Ors.

CWP No.16251 of 2026

17.09.2026 Present: Mr. Aasheesh Patial, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajat Chaudhary, Assistant Advocate General, for respondents No. 1 and 3.

Mr. Vishwajeet Singh, Advocate for respondent No.2.

CWP No.16251/2026 & CMP No.24166/2026

Notice. Mr. Rajat Chaudhary, learned Assistant Advocate General and Mr. Vishwajeet Singh, learned counsel, appear and waive service of notice on behalf of respondents No. 1 and 3 and respondent No.2, respectively.

2. Respondent No.2 has rejected the candidature of the petitioner for appointment to the post of Teacher (Sociology) advertised on 16.04.2026 (Annexure P-1). Petitioner apprehends that such rejection is on the ground that he was allegedly not in possession of HP TET certificate prior to the cut-off date indicated in the advertisement.i.e.14.05.2026. Highlighting essential qualifications for the post in question as mentioned at page 21 of the paper book, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that not only

the TET conducted by HP Board of School Education, Dharamshala, but also by "*any other agency authorized by Government*" was admissible towards satisfying the essential qualification criteria; That petitioner had qualified TET conducted by Central Board of Secondary Education much prior to the cut-off date mentioned in the advertisement; That the post in question was advertised under a scheme for engagement of teachers in Government schools affiliated to Central Board of Secondary Education, therefore, the candidature of petitioner could not have been turned down by the respondents.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that petitioner has also qualified HP TET after the cut-off date, but before verification of documents.

Learned counsel for the respondent No 2 to have instructions in the matter.

List on **18.09.2026**.

Rejection of petitioner's candidature shall abide by the outcome of the writ petition. Application (CMP No. 24166 of 206) to stand disposed of.

Jyotsna Rewal Dua
Judge

September 17, 2026
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