

HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH
AT JAMMU

WP(C) No. 1632/2025
CM No. 3759/2025
CAV No. 777/2025

J&K Public Service Commission

.... Petitioner/Appellant(s)

Through:- Mr. F.A. Natnoo, Advocate.

V/s

Varsha Choudhary and others

.....Respondent(s)

Through:- Mr. Abhinav Sharma, Sr. Advocate
with Mr. Abhirash Sharma, Advocate.

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SINDHU SHARMA, JUDGE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHAHZAD AZEEM, JUDGE

ORDER

02.07.2025

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1. With appearance of learned counsel for the caveator/respondent No. 1, caveat stands discharged.

WP(C) No. 1632/2025

1. Petitioner has assailed the order dated 23.12.2024, passed in OA No. 1614/2023, vide which, the Public Service Commission is directed to accept the Pahadi Speaking People (PSP) certificate of respondent No. 1 and declare the result of the J&K Combined Competitive Examination, 2022, and also recommend the appointment of the said respondent.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the PSP category certificate of respondent No. 1 was issued on 31.05.2022, which is after the cut-off date prescribed in the relevant advertisement notification, therefore, the impugned judgment is contrary to the applicable rules and the terms of the the advertisement notification, which clearly provided that the certificate should be possessed and submitted before the cut-off date. Reliance in this

regard is placed on judgment titled “Divya v. Union of India” 2024 (1) SCC 448.

3. Notice.
4. Mr. Abhirash Sharma, learned counsel accepts notice on behalf of the respondent No. 1. Reply be filed by the next date of hearing.
5. Notice be sent to respondent Nos. 2 and 3, returnable within four weeks. Requisites for the same within one week.
6. Record from the Central Administrative Tribunal, Jammu Bench, in OA No. 1614/2023, be summoned.
7. List on 02.09.2025.
8. Meanwhile, subject to objections and till next date of hearing before the Bench, operation of the impugned judgment and order dated 23.12.2024, shall remain stayed.

(Shahzad Azeem)
Judge

(Sindhu Sharma)
Judge

Jammu:

02.07.2025

Vishal Khajuria