



**ORDER**

SO(DM)WP.49482/2022(PPSC): This order will dispose-off the representation of the one Mr. Hassan Iqbal son of Muhammad Iqbal Anjumin pursuance of the judgment of Honourable Lahore High Court, Lahore passed in writ petition No.49482/2022 on 22.08.2022. The operative paragraph of the directions is reproduced as under:

- 1) *"That the respondent No.1 is not taking any decision on his application for issuing him appointment letter for the post of Lecturer (Political Science) being the next candidate in the waiting list. Prayer, therefore, is that this petition be disposed of by giving a direction to respondent no.1 to decide the said application expeditiously and in accordance with the law.*
- 2) *The respondent No.1 (Secretary Higher Education Department, Government of the Punjab) is directed to decide the petitioner's above stated application, if pending, strictly in accordance with the law, after affording opportunity of hearing to all cornered and through a well-reasoning speaking order."*
- 3) *Petitioner is directed to appear before respondent no,1 on 29.08.2022.*
- 4) *Disposed of."*

2. The petitioner is present. The petitioner applied for the post of lecturer in Political Science (BS-17). The recruitment process was made through Punjab Public Service Commission (PPSC). The result of lecturer Political Science was announced on 26.08.2021. PPSC forwarded the recommendations of 30-candidates to Higher Education Department on 26.08.2021. The offer letters were issued to the recommended candidates vide dated; 12.11.2021. They were called upon for acceptance and submission of their preference on 25.11.2021 at Govt. MAO Graduate College, Lahore. However, four (04) recommended candidates placed at merit no.8, 13, 22 and 120 (against minority quota) remained absent and they did not submit their acceptance & preferences on the

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scheduled date i.e., 25.11.2021. The petitioner claimed in the present petition that his request may be forwarded to PPSC for submission of revised recommendations.

3. In compliance with the orders of the Honourable Court dated; 22.08.2022, an opportunity of personal hearing was afforded to the petitioner but did not appear in show up in this Department. To meet the end of justice, this Department afforded another opportunity of personal hearing to the petitioner on 16.02.2023 but again he chose not to appear. The petitioner was afforded with yet another opportunity of personal hearing on 28.03.2023 in pursuance of which he did show up in this office and repeated what was stated in his representation received with the judgement of the Honourable Court.

4. **WHEREAS**, the Higher Education Department forwarded a requisition for recruitment of 2451 posts of lecturer male and female (**Batch-2020**) in various subjects including 30 posts of male Lecturers in Political Science to Punjab Public Service Commission (PPSC) vide letter dated 14.07.2020. And after completion of written examination & interview process, the PPSC forwarded recommendations of 30-candidates for appointment as Lecturer in Political Science (BS-17) to this Department on 26.08.2021. The offer letters were issued on 12.11.2021 to the recommended candidates wherein they were directed to appear for acceptance and submission of their preferences for placement on 25.11.2021 at Govt. MAO Graduate College, Lahore. However, four (04) recommended candidates placed at merit no.8, 13, 22 and 119 (Minority Quotas) remained absent and did not submit their acceptance & preferences for placement on the scheduled date i.e., 25.11.2021.

5. **AND WHEREAS**, the particulars of the newly selected candidates were uploaded on the official website of the department. And after completion of the said process, the posting orders in respect of male Lecturer in Political Science were issued on 27.12.2021.

6. **AND WHEREAS**, the department examined the record and observed that since the four (04) absent recommended candidates did not submit their acceptance within the stipulated time period therefore, the record was scrutinized and a request was forwarded to Punjab Public Services Commission for provision of alternate candidates from the merit list of the awaiting candidates. The original recommendations of these four (04) candidates were sent back to PPSC vide letter dated 29.03.2022. In response to this, PPSC forwarded revised recommendations and recommended four new candidates from the merit list of awaiting candidates vide letter dated 02.06.2022.

7. **AND WHEREAS**, the offer letters were issued to the four (04) newly recommended candidates on 14.06.2022. They were called for submission of their acceptance and preferences for placement on 22.06.2022. However, three candidates appeared in Higher Education Department and submitted their acceptance. Their particulars were uploaded on the official website of the department and their posting orders were issued on 25.07.2022. It was observed that after expiry of requisite time period for acceptance of offer letters, one (01) recommended candidate placed at merit no.29 did not submit his acceptance in this Department. Therefore, another request was forwarded to PPSC vide letter dated 30.08.2022 for recommendation of alternate candidate. However, the Punjab Public Service Commission vide reference dated; 14.09.2022 replied that the validity period of alternate candidates from the merit list of awaiting candidates has already expired on 26.08.2022.

8. **AND WHEREAS**, it is worthwhile to mention here that this department has also forwarded another requisition to Punjab Public Service Commission for recruitment of 3423 posts of lecturer male and female (**Batch 2021**) vide letter dated; 21.10.2021. In Batch-2021, 53 posts of male Lecturer in Political Science were announced. The written result for the post of lecture (Political Science) was announced on 04.08.2022. The final result was announced on 09.12.2022 whereby 47 candidates against open quota and 01 candidate against special quota have been recommended for the post of lecturer in political science. Whereas, 03 posts reserved for minority quota remained vacant. However, the petitioner / Mr. Hassan Iqbal son of Muhammad Iqbal Anjum did not qualify this time.

9. **AND WHEREAS**, keeping foregoing in view, it has been established that this department always acted in good faith and tried its best to fill the vacant posts either through alternate recommendations from the PPSC in case where the recommended candidates were absent or through announcing another Batch-2021 to fill the vacant positions timely. In the case of present petitioner, the department fulfilled its obligations by returning the original recommendations of 04 recommended candidates (merit no.8, 13, 22 and 119 (Minority Quotas) to PPSC within stipulated time period vide letter dated 29.03.2022 who didn't submit acceptance of the terms and conditions of the service nor provided preference for placement. Resultantly, PPSC also submitted revised recommendation in favour of 04 candidates from the merit list of awaiting candidates on 02.06.2022. In the second round, one candidate placed at merit no.29 did not join, his original recommendations were returned to PPSC but this time the validity time period got expired. The petitioner did avail another opportunity to compete for the position of Lecturer in the examination of Batch-2021 but he did not qualify this time. This being

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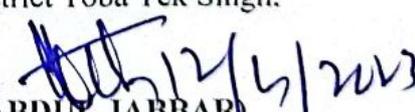
the stated position of facts and law under which this department i.e., Higher Education Department, Government of the Punjab cannot entertain his request to appoint him as lecturer of Political Science therefore his representation is rejected being devoid of merits, law and the facts of the case.

10. NOW THEREFORE, I, Zaheer Abbas Malik, Special Secretary Higher Education Department / designated Hearing Officer, after affording an opportunity of personal hearing to the petitioner and perusal of record, do hereby *dispose-off* of this representation in terms as set out in paragraphs 6 to 8 ante of this order.

  
(ZAHEER ABBAS MALIK PAS)  
SPECIAL SECRETARY  
HIGHER EDUCATION  
DEPARTMENT

A copy is forwarded for information and further necessary action to: -

1. The Assistant Registrar, Registrar, with reference to order of the Honourable Lahore High Court, Lahore passed in No.49482/2022 on 22.08.2022.
2. The Secretary, Punjab Public Service Commission, Lahore.
3. The Director Public Instructions (Colleges) Punjab, Lahore.
4. Senior Law Officer, Higher Education Department.
5. Section Officer (EM-II)/ (DF), Higher Education Department.
6. PS to Secretary, Higher Education Department, Lahore.
7. PS to Special Secretary, Higher Education Department, Lahore.
8. PA to Additional Secretary (E&G), Higher Education Department.
9. PA to Deputy Secretary (EM), Higher Education Department.
10. The Project Director, AHED/PITB, Higher Education Department to uploaded on the website of the Higher Education Department.
11. The petitioner/ Hassan Iqbal son of Muhammad Iqbal Anjum, resident of Chak No.293 GB Sheron, PO same, Tehsil & District Toba Tek Singh.

  
(ABDUL JABBAR)  
Section Officer (Discipline Male)