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From

Director of Public Instruction (Secondary Education) Punjab.

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The Secretary,
Subordinate Services Selection Board,
SAS Nagar, Phase- VIII, Mohali.

Memo No. 11/134-2-13 ME (1)

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Dated: SAS Nagar: 5.8.2013

Sub: Substituted Requisition for filling up the post of School Librarian in the Subordinate offices of the Punjab Education Department.

2. Kindly refer to the subject cited above.

3. Vide this office Memo No. 25/1-2011 S-I(3)/913, dated 16.3.2012, a requisition for filling up various posts, including 72 posts of School Librarians, lying vacant in this Department, was sent to your good self. In turn, an advertisement inviting applications from eligible candidates for the posts of School Librarians has been got published by your office on 4. 11.2012 in the leading newspapers. The qualifications for the post of School Librarian were prescribed that the candidate should have passed 10+2 examination with two years' Diploma in Library Science. A number of prospective candidates, who have higher qualifications of Bachelor of Library Science or Master of Library Science have filed various writ petitions in the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court, inter-alia, claiming therein that they should also be held eligible keeping in view the law laid down by the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court in CWP No. 451 of 2008 titled as Manjit Singh Vs. State of Punjab and others, decided on 5.2.2010. In the said writ petitions you have also impleaded as one of the respondents.

4. Keeping in view the settled proposition of law that a person having higher qualifications in the same line should also be considered as

an eligible candidate, the matter has been reconsidered. On reconsideration, it has been decided to treat the candidates having the qualification of Bachelor of Library Science or Master of Library Science at par with those who have the minimum qualification for the post of School Librarian and such prospective candidates have been held eligible for the post of School Librarian. The first higher qualification acquired by a candidate will be treated as the minimum basic qualification without giving any further weightage of such higher qualification. Therefore, it has further been decided to provide a chance to such prospective candidates having the above said higher qualification who could not be applied earlier owing to the reasons that they did not have the minimum qualification as prescribed. However, other eligibility conditions shall remain unchanged meaning thereby prospective candidates should have fulfilled requisite qualifications, minimum and upper age limit etc. on or before the date(s) as indicated in the earlier advertisement.

5. It is, therefore, requested to invite fresh applications from eligible candidates having the qualification of Bachelor of Library Science or Master of Library Science by getting the fresh public notices published in the leading newspapers so that equal opportunities to all similarly situated prospective candidates could be provided. The earlier requisition shall stand substituted to the extent stated hereinabove. It is further requested that necessary recommendations to this effect may kindly be sent to this office so that further action could be taken in the matter.


Director of Public Instruction (SE) Punjab.