

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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**CWP No.6607 of 1997
Date of Decision : 14.2.2024**

*Tej Ram and others**..... Petitioners**versus**State of Haryana and others**..... Respondents*

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present: None for the petitioners

Ms. Tanushree Gupta, DAG, Haryana

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA J. (ORAL):

The petition has been filed, *inter alia*, seeking a writ of *mandamus* directing the respondents to give selection grade to the petitioners on completion of eighteen years service by taking into account *ad hoc* service rendered by them.

2. A perusal of the record shows that the petitioners' case granting selection grade by counting *ad hoc* service was rejected vide office order dated 16.10.1994, Annexure P-7, on the basis of Instructions dated 30.6.1993, Annexure P-3. Still, neither of the two is under challenge.

3. Further, learned State counsel contends that the issue at hand stands settled by the Supreme Court in *State of Haryana v. Haryana Veterinary and AHTS Association* 2000 (8) SCC 4, holding that *ad hoc* service is not to be counted for grant of selection grade, and the employees become eligible for it only on the basis of regular service.

3. In view thereof, finding no merit in the petition, it stands dismissed.

(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE

14.2.2024
Ashwani

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No