



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

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CWP-17432-2025

Decided On: 01.07.2025

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....PETITIONER(s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND ANOTHER

....RESPONDENT(s)

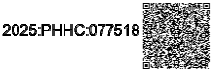
CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present: Mr. Vikram Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA J.(Oral)

The petition has been filed, *inter alia*, seeking a writ of *mandamus* directing the respondents to consider and grant permission to the petitioner for change of the category from General to Backward Class category for the post of Assistant Professor (Physics) in response to advertisement 42 to 67 of 2024, dated 02.08.2024.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the last date for submission of application forms in response to the advertisement was extended and candidates were permitted to submit their application forms from 01.03.2025 to 15.03.2025, vide announcement dated 24.02.2025, Annexure P-3. Pursuant thereto, the petitioner, who belongs to BC-A category, submitted his application form on 14.03.2025, Annexure P-4, as a General category candidate, since he had not been issued BC-A category certificate by the concerned Department which he had applied for upon coming to know about the extension. After submission of application, the certificate was issued/uploaded by the Department late night on 14.03.2025, and that was the reason he could not apply as BC-A category candidate. It is



only on account of late issuance of certificate that the petitioner was prevented from applying under the reserved category, and his request for change of category should, therefore, be granted at this stage.

3. As per undisputed facts on record, the closing date for submission of application form was 15.03.2025, and the petitioner was issued the BC-A category certificate on 14.03.2025. Therefore, he could have applied for the post under reserved category candidate, but he chose not to do so and submitted his application for a General category candidate. His candidature was so considered and was allowed to appear for the screening test. After willingly applying under a category to which the petitioner is entitled to, he cannot be allowed to change the same in the midst of selection process.

4. In view thereof, there is no ground to entertain the present petition and it stands dismissed *in limine*.

01.07.2025
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(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned?
Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No