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

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Date of decision: 28.10.2025

SANJAY SINGH AND ORS

...Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND ORS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present: Mr. Ashish Tewatia, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Ravi Pratap Singh, DAG, Haryana.

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioners through instant petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India are seeking direction to respondents to issue them appointment letter under general category.
2. The petitioners belong to general category. They are ex-servicemen. They pursuant to advertisement dated 07.05.2013 applied for the post of Constable under BC(A)/BC(B) category. The recruitment process was initiated by Haryana Police Recruitment Board. The Recruitment Board declared result on 11.06.2014. The petitioners were also selected under BC(A)/BC(B) category. On scrutiny of documents, it was found that they have wrongly claimed reservation under BC(A)/BC(B) category. Their appointment was cancelled.
3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioners under wrong impression applied under BC(A)/BC(B) category. They were well aware that they belonged to general category, however, they applied under said category because their community was considered as SBC.
4. Per contra learned State counsel submits that there was no reservation for SBC, thus, there was no occasion for petitioners to apply under BC(A)/BC(B)



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category. It was a case of concealment of facts. The petitioners applied under wrong category. They attempted to claim undue benefit of reservation.

5. I have heard the arguments and perused the record.

6. The conceded position emerging from record is that the petitioners belong to general category. There was no reservation for their category, nevertheless, they applied under BC(A)/BC(B) category. They were selected under reserve category, however, it was later on found that they belonged to general category and have wrongly claimed benefit of reservation. Under these circumstances their selection was cancelled.

7. The petitioners as per their wisdom applied under wrong category. They belong to general category, thus, there was no occasion for them to apply under BC(A)/BC(B) category. They are responsible for choosing wrong category. There is no provision to change category.

8. There is another aspect of the matter. The selection process was initiated in 2013 and completed in 2015. A period of more than 10 years from the date of completion of process has already passed away.

9. In the backdrop, this Court is of the considered opinion that instant petition being bereft of merit deserves to be dismissed and accordingly ***dismissed***.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

28.10.2025

P.Bhatt

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No