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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH
CWP- 30938-2024
Date of Decision: 08.01.2025**

SUMAN LATA

..... PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present: Mr. Jai Bhagwan Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.
Ms. Tanushree Gupta, DAG, Haryana.
Mr. Alankrit Bhardwaj, Advocate
for respondent no. 4.

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA, J. (ORAL)

The petition has been filed *inter alia* seeking a writ of *certiorari* quashing the order dated 18.10.2024, Annexure P-1, whereby the respondents have asked the petitioner to submit a form regarding engagement under the Mid-Day-Meal Scheme through a new agency- Krystal Integrated Services Limited/respondent no. 5. Further, a writ of *mandamus* has been sought directing the respondents to grant her the benefit under the Haryana Contractual Employees (Security of Service) Act, 2024 (for short, 'the 2024 Act') or, in the alternative, deploy her in the Department through Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam Limited in view of letter dated 30.06.2022, Annexure P-17.

2. Learned State counsel contends that the petitioner has been working as Data Entry Operator under the National Programme of



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Nutritional Support to Primary Education, a Centrally Sponsored Scheme also mentioned as Mid-day-Meal scheme, through a private service provider. As of now, her services are not being disengaged. She further contends that protection under the 2024 Act is not admissible to the petitioner since the employees engaged under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, who are paid partly or fully by the Central Government, are excluded therefrom. Similarly, the Deployment of Contractual Persons Policy, 2022 (for short, the Deployment Policy, 2022), meant for engagement of employees through the Nigam, also excludes persons deployed under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme from its applicability. Therefore, prayer made in the petition cannot be granted.

3. A perusal of the 2024 Act as well as the Deployment Policy, 2022 of the Nigam, makes it apparent that the employees engaged under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme are not included and, therefore, they cannot claim the benefit in terms therewith. Otherwise, the petitioner’s engagement with the respondents through the service provider continues.

4. In view of above, there is no ground to entertain the petition, and it stands dismissed.

5. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, shall also stand(s) disposed of.

(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE

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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>