



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

Serial No. 136**CWP-36545-2025****Decided on:08.12.2025**

Aarti Verma

. . . Petitioner

Versus

Haryana Public Service Commission

. . . Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present: Mr. Akinchan Aggarwal, Advocate for
Mr. Ranvijay Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Gurnoor Singh Sandhu, Advocate
for the respondent.

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA, J.(ORAL)

The petition has been filed *inter alia* seeking a writ of *mandamus* directing the respondents to consider the petitioner's candidature for the post of Assistant Professor Commerce against advertisement 44/2024 under BC-A Non-creamy layer, instead of BC-A Creamy layer category. The petitioner wrongly mentioned her category in the application form. She was in possession of a valid certificate dated 20.08.2024, Annexure P-4, and the same was uploaded along with the form also.

2. Learned counsel for the respondent/Commission, however, contends that the petitioner applied under BC-A Creamy layer category and participated in the screening test as such. Its final result was announced on 28.11.2025, wherein she remained unsuccessful. Thereafter, she has sought change in category which is impermissible. The issue stands settled by a

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Division Bench of this Court in LPA-1397-2025 titled *Haryana Public Service Commission v. Pardeep Kumar and others*, holding that candidates cannot be allowed to change their category after the closing date to apply for the post.

3. In view of the settled law, the prayer cannot be granted and there is no ground to entertain the petition.

4. Dismissed *in limine*.

08.12.2025*Mehak***(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE**

Whether reasoned/speaking? Yes/No
Whether reportable? Yes/No