



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

Sr. No.209

CWP No.12586 of 2001 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 06.04.2026

Anita Chhabra

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present: None for the petitioner.

Mr. Aakash Singla, Additional Advocate General, Haryana.

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA, J. (ORAL)

The petition has been filed seeking a direction to respondent no.4/Principal, Government Senior Secondary School, Charuni Jattan, District Kurukshetra, to allow the petitioner to join her duties with all consequential benefits.

2. Learned State counsel submits that the petitioner was appointed as Math Mistress on contractual basis in the respondent School vide appointment letter dated 20.10.1997, and worked there up to 10.12.1999. Thereafter, she remained absent from duties with effect from 11.12.1999, and failed to join back despite having been asked to do so vide order dated 28.12.1999. Later, she submitted an application, dated 07.01.2000, that she had fallen ill and would submit her medical as well as fitness certificate to the respondents before joining, but failed to do so despite having been asked vide letters dated 10.01.2000, 17.01.2000 and 03.02.2000. Although she came to the School after lapse of more than one year on 07.02.2001, but did not submit any medical certificate and requested that she may be allowed to

join duties, which was declined. Accordingly, at this stage she cannot be



allowed to join service, particularly when she was engaged only under a contract.

3. Considering the facts aforementioned, the petitioner cannot be allowed to join duties after remaining willfully absent and failing to join back with any plausible explanation or submitting a medical certificate to substantiate her claim that she had remained absent due to illness.

4. Dismissed.

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

(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE

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