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

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Date of Decision: 24.04.2026

Chander Kala and another

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present:- None for the petitioners

Mr. Rohit Arya, Additional Advocate General, Haryana

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA, J. (Oral)

The petition has been filed *inter alia* seeking a writ of *mandamus* directing the respondents to count the petitioners' *ad hoc*/stipendary service towards seniority, and release the consequential benefits.

2. Learned State counsel contends that the issue raised herein stands settled by the Supreme Court in *State of Haryana v. Haryana Veterinary and A.H.T.S. Association*, 2000(8) SCC 4, holding that the service rendered by an employee prior to regularisation cannot be held to be regular service, nor can it be tagged on to the later service for earning service benefit, including higher scales/selection grade etc.

3. In view thereof, the petitioners' claim for grant of seniority and other benefits by counting their *ad hoc* service rendered prior to regularisation is unsustainable, and the petition stands dismissed.

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

24.04.2026

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(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No