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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision:11.02.2026

USHA AND ANOTHER

...PETITIONERS

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present: Mr. Kartar Singh Malik, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Ms. Svaneel Jaswal, Addl. A.G., Haryana,
for the respondents.

SUVIR SEHGAL, J.

1. Claim of the petitioners is that they are entitled to financial benefit of Rs.2,50,000/- under Mukhya Mantri Samajik Samrasta Antarjatiya Vivah Shagun Yojana (for short "Scheme") and for quashing order dated 01.04.2024, Annexure P-11, passed by respondent No.3, whereby this benefit has been denied to them.

2. Government of Haryana framed a scheme on 30.03.1984, Annexure P-8, for diminishing caste consciousness and for encouragement of inter-caste marriages amongst the residents of State of Haryana. The



conditions for being eligible to get the financial benefit under the scheme are as under:-

“Conditions of Eligibility:

- i) Both the spouses should be citizen of India and permanent resident of Haryana State.*
- ii) The grant shall only be given once for the first marriage.*
- iii) A non-Scheduled castes boy who marriage a Scheduled castes girl and vice versa the concerned scheduled castes bride/bridegroom will be given a cash grant of Rs. 2000/- and a fixed deposit of 3000/- in the account of the Scheduled Castes girl/boy.”*

3. Scheme was modified and provides for deposit of an amount of Rs.2.50 lakh in the joint account of the married couple. The scheme was further amended with effect from 14.08.2002 to provide as under:-

<i>Existing Provision</i>	<i>Amended Provision</i>
<i>Both the spouses should be citizen of India and permanent resident of Haryana State.</i>	<i>Both the spouses should be citizen of India and one of the spouse should be Scheduled Caste and he or she should be permanent resident of Haryana and he/she has not taken any benefit under similar scheme.</i>

4. Petitioner No.1, who is a permanent resident of State of Haryana and belongs to Balmiki Caste. She married petitioner No.2 on 10.05.2023 as is evident from marriage certificate, Annexure P-3. Petitioners submitted affidavits, Annexures P-5 and P-6, for claiming benefit under the scheme, which has been rejected vide impugned order.

5. Claim has been contested by respondents by filing a written statement, wherein it has been stated that petitioners cannot be granted the benefit of the scheme as petitioner No.1 had contracted a second marriage. A



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stand has been taken that petitioner No.2 is a resident of Chandigarh and benefit of the scheme cannot be extended to petitioners.

6. Having heard counsel for the parties, this Court is of the view that there is no merit in the petition.

7. Conditions of eligibility of the scheme, which have been reproduced herein above, specifically provide that grant is to be given once and that too, for first marriage. Perusal of marriage certificate, Annexure P-3, evidences that petitioner No.2 was a divorcee. In other words, he had contracted marriage for second time. The conditions of the scheme specifically provide for grant of benefit only in case of first marriage. This Court, therefore, does not find any reason to interfere with impugned order.

8. There is no merit in the petition, which is dismissed with no order as to costs.

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(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No