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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

LPA-519-2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 09.10.2025

HARYANA STAFF SELECTION COMMISSION ... APPELLANT
VS.

GOVIND .. RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ROHIT KAPOOR

Present: Mr. Puneet Gupta, Additional Advocate General, Haryana.

None for the respondent.

ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA, J. (ORAL)

This appeal arises out of an order passed by the learned Single Judge on 01.08.2023, whereby the appellant has been directed to consider the claim of the respondent-petitioner for appointment to the post of Junior Engineer after awarding him 05 marks under the socio-economic criteria.

The legality of awarding 05 marks under socio-economic criteria fell for determination before the Division Bench of this Court in **CWP-1563-2024** titled as '**Sukriti Malik Vs. State of Haryana and others**'. The Division Bench has categorically held such award of marks to be impermissible. The Division Bench judgment has attained finality.

When the matter was heard lastly, this Court passed the following order:-

*“Learned counsel for the contesting respondents pray for time to assist the Court as to whether in the light of the judgment of a Coordinate Bench dated 31.05.2024 rendered in **CWP No.1563 of 2024 – Sukriti Malik Vs. State of Haryana and others** can the respondents be granted marks under “socio-economic criteria”.*

Adjourned to 04.02.2025.

A photocopy of this order be placed on the files of the other connected cases.”

None appears for the respondent-petitioner today when the matter is taken up. Learned counsel for the State is present. In view of the settled position by virtue of the Division Bench judgment in the case of *Sukriti Malik*, this Court proceeds to allow the appeal.

Accordingly, this appeal succeeds and judgment of the learned Single Judge directing grant of marks under socio-economic criteria is set aside.

Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA)
JUDGE

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(ROHIT KAPOOR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No