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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-7529-2001 (O&amp;M)

Date of Decision :13.05.2025

Ramesh Kumar and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

....Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA**

Present: None for the petitioners.

Ms. Tanushree Gupta, Deputy Advocate General, Haryana.

**TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA, J. (ORAL)**

The petition has been filed, *inter alia*, seeking a writ of *mandamus* directing the respondents to promote the petitioners to the post of Lecturer in Commerce against seventy five per cent promotion quota posts with effect from 30.09.1988 with all consequential benefits, as also to place the petitioners in the seniority list as on 01.04.1998, Annexure P-2, above respondent no.3, who would be their junior. The promotion has been claimed on the basis of acquiring Master's degree.

2. Learned State counsel contends that the petitioners' entitlement to promotion from the date of acquiring M.Com degree has no basis as no right vests in them to claim such promotion only because the requisite qualification has been acquired. Reliance has also been placed upon judgment passed by the Supreme Court in *Ravikumar Dhansukhlal Maheta & anr. v. High Court of Gujarat and others*, 2024 AIR (Supreme Court) 3256, wherein it has been held that no government servant can claim promotion as a matter of right. The



petitioners were duly considered and promoted on different dates between September to December, 1989. She next contended that other Lecturers in Commerce from serial nos.15 to 45 in the seniority list as on 01.04.1998, Annexure P-2, were directly recruited as Lecturers on *ad hoc* basis, and their services were regularised with effect from 30.09.1988 in terms of law laid down by Supreme Court in *State of Haryana and others v. Piara Singh and others*, AIR 1992 SC 2130, and the Policy framed by the Government in terms therewith. Accordingly, they were entitled to seniority from that under the applicable Policy and the law laid down. Besides, no person junior to the petitioners has been promoted as Lecturer in Commerce prior to them.

3. These facts have not been disputed by the petitioners by filing any counter affidavit.

4. In view thereof, the prayer cannot be granted and the petition stands dismissed.

**May 13, 2025**

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**(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)  
JUDGE**

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