



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

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CWP-8973-2025

Date of decision: 28.03.2025

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....PETITIONER

Vs.

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL**

Present: Mr. C.R. Dahiya, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Raman Sharma, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

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**JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J (ORAL)**

1. The petitioner through instant petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is seeking direction to respondents to allow her to appear in Lower School Entrance Test (B-1 test) to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March' 2025 under 62% selection category.
2. The petitioner joined Haryana Police Force as Constable on 02.12.2016. In a normal course, she would have completed 5 years on 01.12.2021, however, she remained absent from duty for 49 days, thus, she completed 5 years service on 19.01.2022. The respondent has selected Constables for B-1 test, however, petitioner's candidature has been rejected on the ground that she had not completed 5 years service as on 01.01.2022.
3. Mr. C.R. Dahiya, Advocate submits that principally petitioner completed 5 years on 01.12.2021, however, on account of 49 days absence from

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duty, she completed 5 years on 19.01.2022. The respondent has selected candidates in 2025. Thus, 5 years' period should be considered as on 01.01.2025. For all intent and purposes, she had completed more than 5 years by 01.01.2025.

4. Mr. Raman Sharma, Addl. A.G., Haryana, who on advance notice is present in Court, expressed his inability to controvert the fact that as per Rule 13.7(3) of Punjab Police Rules, 1934 (as applicable to State of Haryana), the 5 years' qualifying service is considered on first day of January of the year in which selection is made and in the instant case, selection is made in 2025.

5. As the petitioner has completed more than 5 years' qualifying service by 01.01.2025, thus, she deserves to be permitted to participate in the Lower School Entrance Test (B-1 test) to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> March' 2025 under 62% selection category. Accordingly, the respondents are directed to permit the petitioner to participate in the aforesaid test.

6. Allowed.

28.03.2025  
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**[JAGMOHAN BANSAL]**  
**JUDGE**

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