IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 5482 OF 2024

MUKESH KUMAR & ANR.   APPELLANTS

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA THROUGH
CHIEF SECRETARY & ORS.   RESPONDENTS_

WITH

CIVIL APPEAL NO. 5485 OF 2024
CIVIL APPEAL NO. 5486 OF 2024
CIVIL APPEAL NO. 5483 OF 2024
CIVIL APPEAL NO. 5484 OF 2024
CIVIL APPEAL NO. 5487 OF 2024
AND
CIVIL APPEAL NO. 5488 OF 2024

O R D E R

1. Arising out of judgment dated 16.02.2012 of the High Court of Punjab and Haryana passed in Civil Writ Petition No. 5878 of 2011 with respect to interpretation of Punjab Civil Service (Judicial Branch) Haryana Amendment Rules, 2010 in the context of recruitment of Civil Judge (Junior Division) of the year 2010, is under challenge.

2.   During hearing, it is brought to our notice that the similar rule of the State namely, Haryana Superior Judicial Service Rules, 2007 has been interpreted in the judgment of ***Dr. Kavita Kamboj Vs. High Court of Punjab & Haryana & Ors. [(2024) 2 SCR 1136]*** by a three-Judge Bench of this Court wherein the issue of changing the criteria specifying minimum marks in the *viva voce* test has been taken into consideration and the decision of the High Court has been approved.

3.   In the present case also, the similar issue is under consideration with respect to recruitment of Civil Judge (Junior Division)-cum-Judicial Magistrate in the State of Haryana. The ratio of the said judgment is squarely attracted to the facts of the present case and the issue is somewhat similar. The other reason to decline interference is that in the present case, selection is of the year 2010 for the post of civil judge, however, now in the year 2025, the clock cannot be turned back by appointing judicial officer after 15 years or grant consequential reliefs at this point of time. Therefore, for the above twin reasons, we are not inclined to

interfere with the impugned judgment.

4. Accordingly, maintaining the judgment passed by the High Court all the appeals are dismissed. Pending application(s), if any shall stand disposed of.

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[J.K. MAHESHWARI]

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[ARAVIND KUMAR]

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New Delhi;
May 01, 2025

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RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Civil Appeal No(s). 5482/2024

MUKESH KUMAR & ANR.   Appellant(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA THROUGH CHIEF SECRETARY & ORS.   Respondent(s)

(IA No. 2/2013 - APPLICATION FOR TRANSPOSITION IA No. 14999/2019 -
GRANT OF INTERIM RELIEF IA No. 3/2013 - PERMISSION TO FILE
ANNEXURES)

WITH

C.A. No. 5485/2024 (IV)
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C.A. No. 5486/2024 (IV)
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(FOR GRANT OF INTERIM RELIEF ON IA 27163/2019)
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C.A. No. 5487/2024 (IV)
C.A. No. 5488/2024 (IV)

Date : 01-05-2025 These matters were called on for hearing today.

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             UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
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        Maintaining the judgment passed by the High Court, all the
appeals are dismissed. Pending applications, if any shall stand
disposed of.

(GULSHAN KUMAR ARORA)   **(PREETI SAXENA)**
     AR-CUM-PS   **COURT MASTER**

                  (Signed order is placed on the file)

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