

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

CWP No.13621 of 2015

Date of decision: 10.07.2015

Shingara Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI**

Present: Mr. Aakash Singla, Advocate, for the petitioner.

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1. Whether reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?
2. To be referred to the reporters or not?
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the digest?

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**ARUN PALLI J.** (Oral)

What has been assailed in the petition in hand is the order dated 02.11.2007 (Annexure P1), passed by Director State Transport, Punjab, vide which two annual increments of the petitioner were stopped with cumulative effect. Punishment was awarded to the petitioner on account of misconduct preceded by an inquiry, wherein the petitioner was afforded full opportunity. The appeal preferred against the said order too was dismissed vide order dated 25.02.2011 (Annexure P2). Since the matter was not carried any further, thus, the order of punishment attained finality. The petition in hand has been filed after over 4 years of the order passed by the appellate authority on 25.02.2011 (Annexure P2). Thus, it is just an attempt to revive the old, stale and settled claim, when virtually the order of punishment has run its course in

time and effect. Ex facie, the petitioner suffers from gross, inordinate and unexplained delay. Needless to assert, even an ordinary civil suit under the general common law would have been barred after three years of the passing of the order by the appellate authority on 25.02.2011 (Annexure P2).

That being so, no interference, in exercise of extraordinary jurisdiction under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, is warranted. Accordingly, the petition is dismissed being barred by delay and laches.

July 10, 2015  
Rajan

**( Arun Palli )**  
**Judge**