

Civil Writ Petition No. 21267 of 2015 (O&M)

Date of decision : October 12, 2015

Navjit Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILLPresent: Mr. Sarbjit Singh Khaira, Advocate
for the petitioner.

LISA GILL, J.

Prayer in this writ petition is for issuance of appointment letter to the petitioner for the post of Inspector Grade II (SC Mazbi Sikh category). Petitioner in response to an advertisement issued in 2011 (Annexure P-1) inviting applications for the post of Inspector Grade II submitted his application. Averment is that after participating in the written test, result of the selection was finalised and the petitioner's name appeared in the waiting list. It is further submitted that posts in this category are still lying vacant, therefore, the petitioner is entitled to be appointed on the said post.

Having heard learned counsel for the petitioner, it is apparent that present petition is liable to be dismissed on the ground of delay and latches itself. Selection as per the averments made in this writ petition took place in the year 2011. Complete details and particulars are not forthcoming in the writ petition.

There is no indication of any effort which may have been made by the petitioner to approach the authorities in respect of the vacancies which are alleged to be vacant. Reference to representation dated 24.07.2014, Annexure P-5, is of no avail to the petitioner. Though there is no indication of the manner of its submission, said representation is admittedly submitted three years after the alleged selection process. There is no explanation, much less a cogent explanation by the petitioner explaining the delay. It has been held by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **Gurnam Singh Vs. Chief Secretary, Punjab Government, 1999(3) SCT 28** that when no cogent explanation for delay is offered, no relief can be afforded to the petitioner.

It is a settled position that mere selection and being kept on the waiting list does not vest a candidate with an absolute right for appointment.

Furthermore, present writ petition is devoid of material particulars. Facts mentioned therein are vague and evasive. Learned counsel is unable to point out any ground which warrants interference for grant of relief under Article 226 of the Constitution of India.

This petition being devoid of any merit is, accordingly, dismissed.

October 12, 2015
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(Lisa Gill)
Judge