

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

CWP No.7499 of 2014
Date of decision: 05.05.2015

Shibba Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI

Present: Mr. Ranjit Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioner.

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?

ARUN PALLI J. (Oral)

Writ in the nature of certiorari is prayed for, so as to quash the selection of respondents No.3 to 16, who had been selected as Panchayat Secretaries against the handicapped quota. As the degree of physical disability they suffered from was far less than the petitioner. Petitioner purports to be a Scheduled castes candidate and is Orthopaedically handicapped. He competed for selection against the post of Panchayat Secretary in the year 2001. Concededly, interviews were held between 30.04.2001 to 14.05.2001, and 56 candidates were selected against the 34 posts that were advertised. Indisputably, petitioner failed to make a cut. Consequent to the selection, respondents No.3 to 16 were appointed in the year 2001 itself. Ex facie, petitioner chose to remain silent for a period of almost 14 years. Nothing could be

pointed out as to how the selection of respondents No.3 to 16 was either erroneous or contrary to the prescribed criterion. The petition suffers from gross, inordinate and unexplained delay and thus, is liable to be dismissed on this score alone.

That being so, no interference in exercise of extraordinary jurisdiction under Article 226 of the Constitution, is warranted. The petition is accordingly dismissed in limine.

May 5, 2015
Rajan

(Arun Palli)
Judge