

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

**CWP-22454-2017 (O&M)
Date of decision: 29.09.2017**

Bachittar Singh

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab & another

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present: Mr. Manav Bajaj, Advocate for the petitioner.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.

Challenge in the instant petition is to an order dated 17.07.1996 passed by the Senior Superintendent of Police, Moga (Annexure P-1) and in terms of which the services of the petitioner as SPO was discharged.

Apparently, the basis of passing the impugned order was that the petitioner had remained continuously absent from services since 31.05.1996.

Having heard counsel for the petitioner at length and having perused the pleadings on record, this Court is of the considered view that merits of the case need not be gone into.

Petitioner has suddenly woken up after two decades to file the instant petition in the year 2017. The only justification coming forth as per averments in the petition are that the petitioner had filed repeated representations and in response thereto, false oral assurances had been held out that he would be reinstated and rather regularized against the post of Constable.

The justification being sought to be offered cannot be accepted

towards overcoming the inordinate delay of more than 20 years in having approached the writ Court.

The writ petition is dismissed on the ground of delay and laches.

29.09.2017

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

(i) Whether speaking/reasoned?	Yes
(ii) Whether Reportable?	No