

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

**CWP-9314-2017 (O&M)
Date of decision: 17.07.2017**

Gulzar Singh

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab & others

... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. A.K. Walia, Advocate for petitioner.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.

Challenge in the instant petition is to the order dated 03.03.1999 (Annexure P-4), whereby the petitioner had been reverted from the post of Head Constable to his substantive rank of Constable.

Perusal of the impugned order itself reveals that the petitioner had been promoted as Head Constable fortuitously for promotion list C-II and in excess of the 10% reserved quota for list C-II.

Having heard counsel for the petitioner at length, this Court is of the considered view that the validity of the order dated 03.03.1999 (Annexure P-4) need not be examined on merits.

There is an inordinate delay of almost 18 years on the part of the petitioner in having approached the writ Court. The only explanation and justification being put forth is that the representations had been filed by the petitioner against the order of reversion and which were not responded to.

Petitioner has been sleeping over his rights, if any. It is by now well settled that repeated representations would not constitute a recurring cause of action.

Acceptance of the prayer of the petitioner would virtually amount to unsettling settled matters.

Writ petition, as such, is dismissed on the sole ground of delay and laches.

17.07.2017

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

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| (i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| (ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |