

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP No.9715 of 2017 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 23.08.2017

Rajni

--Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

--Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Onkar Singh Batalvi, Advocate for the petitioner.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.J

The prayer in the instant petition is for the issuance of a Writ of Mandamus for directing the respondent-Education Department, State of Punjab to appoint the petitioner as an E.T.T/B.Ed Teacher against the O.B.C category.

The prayer made in the petition is founded on averments that certain candidates lower in merit have been selected and appointed.

Having heard counsel for the petitioner at length and having perused the pleadings on record, this Court is of the considered view that the prayer of the petitioner cannot be accepted as a highly belated claim is sought to be set up.

The recruitment process in relation to which the petitioner seeks an appointment on the post in question was initiated in the light of advertisement dated 4.3.2006. Counsel for the petitioner very fairly concedes that the recruitment process had culminated in the year 2006 itself and in pursuance to which the selected candidates had been issued appointment letters.

The only justification for the inordinate delay of more than a decade in approaching the Writ Court is that repeated representations had been filed.

Acceptance of the prayer made in the petition would virtually amount to unsettling settled matter. Repeated representations do not vest a fresh cause of action. The petitioner ought to have been vigilant about her rights, if any.

Writ petition is dismissed on the ground of delay and laches.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

23.08.2017

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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No