

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

LPA No.898 of 2017 (O&M)

Date of Decision : 05.09.2017

Jaspal Ram

....Appellant

Versus

Financial Commissioner Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MAHESH GROVER
HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI

Present: Mr.A.P.Kaushal, Advocate
for the appellant.

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MAHESH GROVER, J. (Oral)

This appeal is directed against the judgment of the learned Single Judge dated 23.05.2016 upholding the choice of the Collector as a Lambardar in favour of respondent No.4.

Learned counsel for the appellant contends that there was no occasion to appoint respondent No.4 as Lambardar when he was certainly not meritorious and there was perversity in the order of the Collector when he commented on the experience of the selected candidate even though the post of Lambardar had been advertised for the village for the first time. Learned Single Judge broadly accepted the choice of the Collector as there was neither any perversity therein nor the appellant had any exceptional merit to warrant overruling the choice of the competent authority for the selection of Lambardar.

We have absolutely no reason to differ with the findings recorded by the learned Single Judge in upholding the choice of the

Collector who noted experience, age, educational qualification of the respondent No.4 and accepted the recommendations made by the Naib-Tehsildar and Tehsildar. Merely because a stray line appears about the respondent No.4 having more experience would be inconsequential as other reasons supporting the selected candidate do not offer any perversity.

That apart, we find that the appeal is barred by a delay of 332 days which has largely been unexplained and except to say that efforts were being made to arrange the fee of the counsel and he was deprived of funds on account of his daughter wedding, no justifiable plea has been raised. We thus decline interference for the aforesaid reasons.

Appeal dismissed.

(MAHESH GROVER)
JUDGE

05.09.2017
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(RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No