

Sr. No.404

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

CWP No. 16296 of 1996 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 20.08.2019

Uttam Chand

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present:- None for the petitioner.

Ms. Samina Dhir, DAG, Punjab.

ARUN MONGA, J.(ORAL)

Challenge herein, *inter alia*, is to letter/order dated 30.07.1996 (Annexure P-13) issued by the Director, Education Department (Schools), Government of Punjab whereby petitioner was held as not qualified for the post of Hindi Master. Issuance of writ in the nature of mandamus has also been prayed to grant approval qua the petitioner for appointment as 'Hindi Master' in Gian Ashram Senior Secondary School, Amritsar/respondent No.4.

The petitioner has relied on a letter dated 12.08.1994 (Annexure P-8) written by Himachal Pradesh University in support of his claim of eligibility for appointment as 'Hindi Master'.

I am of the opinion that by sheer efflux of time, even if the petitioner were to be given the benefit of letter dated 12.08.1994 (Annexure P-8), *ibid*, the relief that he was seeking for appointment on the post of 'Hindi Master' in the year, 1996 when

the writ petition was filed, is rendered infructuous. Particularly, in view of the fact that the petitioner's date of birth is 30.05.1964 as reflected from Matriculation Certificate contained at Annexure P-1.

In all likelihood, petitioner would have moved on a greener pastures of life by sheer passage of more than two decades from the time when the petition was filed.

Accordingly, writ petition is dismissed as infructuous.

However, liberty is granted to the petitioner to move appropriate application, if any, cause of action still survives.

20.08.2019
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(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No