

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

CWP No. 7137 of 1999
Date of decision: 06.12.2019

Mann Singh and others

.....Petitioners

V/s.

The Chandigarh State Cooperative Bank Limited and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: - HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: - Mr. Jagdeep Bains, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. K.K. Gupta, Advocate,
for the respondents.

Sanjay Kumar, J. (Oral)

This writ petition was filed assailing the order dated 11.05.1999 passed by the Administrator of the Chandigarh State Co-operative Bank Limited. Thereby, the promotion of the petitioners from the posts of Peon to Daftari was recalled and they were reduced to the posts of Peon once again.

By order dated 26.05.1999, this Court stayed the operation of the impugned order dated 11.05.1999. By virtue thereof, the petitioners continued to work as Daftaris.

Mr. K.K. Gupta, learned counsel appearing for the respondent-Bank, would inform this Court that the first, second and fourth petitioners retired from services in the same status, while the third petitioner, who attained the age of superannuation in January, 2018, has been granted extension upto the end of January, 2020. He would further state that the fifth

petitioner expired and his son was provided employment on compassionate grounds. It appears that only the sixth petitioner still remains in service and would retire upon attaining the age of superannuation in April, 2021.

As the impugned order dated 11.05.1999 has not been given effect for over two decades by virtue of the interim order granted in this writ petition, it is now too late to do so as most of the petitioners have gone beyond its reach. The question of re-opening the issue by turning back the clock insofar as they are concerned would not arise at this stage. The writ petition is accordingly allowed on that short ground setting aside the impugned order dated 11.05.1999, without going into the merits of the case.

No order as to costs.

(SANJAY KUMAR)
JUDGE

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