

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

**LPA No.531 of 2019
Date of decision: 20.03.2019**

Kuldip Singh

... Appellant

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KRISHNA MURARI,
CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI, JUDGE**

Present: Mr. H.C. Arora, Advocate, for the appellant.

KRISHNA MURARI, C.J. (Oral)

This intra-court appeal under Clause X of the Letters Patent seeks to challenge the judgment and order dated 16.11.2018 passed by the learned Single Judge dismissing the writ petition filed by the appellant challenging the order dated 13.3.2003 passed by respondent No.2 imposing a penalty of stoppage of five annual increments with cumulative effect and also the order dated 12.04.2004 passed by the appellate authority dismissing the appeal against the said order. Challenge is also made to an order dated 25.08.2011, whereby the memorial submitted by the appellant has been rejected.

Though learned Single Judge has dismissed the writ petition on merits, but on account of the fact that a challenge was made to the orders passed in 2003, 2004 & 2011 by filing a writ petition in 2013 without any reasonable explanation for inordinate laches, in our considered opinion the appellant-petitioner was not entitled for grant of any relief on the said ground as well. Thus, though the writ petition has been dismissed by the learned Single Judge on merits, but since we are of the confirmed opinion

that on account of laches the petition was not liable to be entertained, therefore, we decline any interference in the order passed by the learned Single Judge dismissing the writ petition.

(Krishna Murari)
Chief Justice

(Arun Palli)
Judge

20.03.2019
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Whether speaking / reasoned:	YES
Whether Reportable:	NO