

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

**LPA No. 899 of 2019 (O&M)
Date of decision: 10.05.2019**

Parneet Sharma

... 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. Pankaj Garg, Advocate,
for the appellant.

KRISHNA MURARI, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

This intra-court appeal, under Clause X of the Letters Patent, is directed against the judgment and order dated 9.4.2019, passed by the learned Single Judge, dismissing the writ petition filed by appellant, seeking compassionate appointment, on the ground that the same cannot be awarded after a considerable lapse of time.

The admitted facts are that one Hukam Chand, who was employed as Inspector in Punjab Police, died on 20.1.2001. The appellant-petitioner was adopted by the widow of late Hukam Chand after about one year of the death, i.e. on 1.1.2002. Thereafter, in the year 2017, for the first time, a representation was made by the petitioner to the Commissioner of Police, Amritsar, claiming appointment on compassionate grounds, which came to be rejected. Aggrieved, appellant-petitioner approached this Court, by filing a writ petition, which has also been dismissed.

It is a well settled proposition of law that provision for making compassionate appointment has been carved out to enable the family of the deceased to tide over the sudden financial crisis on account of death of the earning family member. The purpose and motive for providing such an appointment is to ensure that family is not left in penury. In the case in hand, admittedly, death of late Hukam Chand took place in 2001 and the appellant-petitioner was adopted by his widow after about one year, i.e. 1.1.2002. However, the compassionate appointment is being sought after about two decades, which in our considered opinion, has rightly been declined by the learned Single Judge. Thus, there is no scope for interference in the impugned judgment.

The appeal is devoid of any merit and accordingly stands dismissed.

(KRISHNA MURARI)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

May 10, 2019
AK Sharma

Whether speaking / reasoned:	YES
Whether Reportable:	NO