

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP-15011-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 29.05.2019

Sarabjit Singh

--Petitioner

Versus

Union of India & others

--Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present:- Mr. P.S. Pandher, Advocate for
Mr. P.S. Khurana, Advocate for the petitioner.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.J (Oral)

Counsel for the petitioner has been heard.

As per pleadings on record, petitioner was appointed on the post of A.S.I under the Punjab Police in the year 1980. Petitioner, thereafter earned promotions to different ranks and superannuated in the year 2015 from the post of Superintendent of Police.

Challenge in the instant writ petition is to the communication dated 27.9.1990 (Annexure P-1) from the office of the Under Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Ministry of Home Affairs and addressed to the Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Department of Home Affairs and Justice, Home (V) Branch and in terms of which the issue with regard to award of President's Police Medal for Gallantry to Inspector Sarabjit Singh (as the petitioner then was) has not been approved.

In the considered view of this Court the instant writ petition suffers from inordinate delay and laches.

No justification is coming forth to explain such delay.

Petitioner has chosen to file the instant writ petition post retirement and to assail the denial of the President's Police Medal vide communication dated 27.9.1990.

Writ petition is dismissed on the ground of delay and laches.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

29.05.2019

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No