

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 20141 of 2018

Date of Decision: 08.11.2019

Manpreet Singh

...Petitioner

Vs.

Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh and others

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAJIV NARAIN RAINA

Present: Mr. Sandeep Bansal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Arshdeep Bhullar, Advocate
for respondent Nos. 1 and 2.

Mr. R.Kartikeya, Advocate,
for respondent No.10

RAJIV NARAIN RAINA, J. (Oral)

1. By way of this petition the Petitioner has prayed for a writ of certiorari for quashing the select list dated 22.05.2014 while seeking directions to the respondents to appoint him as Senior Scale Stenographer in the establishment of High Court with all consequential benefits from the date the other selected candidates were appointed pursuant to the advertisement dated 09.09.2013.

2. Short point involved in the present case is whether the petitioner who had cause of action in 2014 when selection list was declared can challenge the same after four years.

3. The process of recruitment to the post of Senior Scale Stenographers commenced in the year 2013 and the select list of successful candidates was declared on 22.05.2014. Appointments were made with

candidates joining their postings. The petitioner submitted a representation in the year 2014 and the same was rejected years ago on 1.10.2014 by an order in writing duly conveyed to him. The petitioner remained silent for a period of four years thereafter until when this petition was brought in the year 2018. It may be noticed that the petitioner, meanwhile, was selected on the post of Steno-typist in pursuance to a subsequent selection process and is presently working on the strength of the establishment of this Court as a Senior Scale Stenographer on promotion.

4. This court is of the view that it would be farcical exercise of jurisdiction to decide the matter on merits as the petitioner has not been able to cross the insuperable hurdle of inordinate delay and unexplained laches in presenting the petition.

5. No ground for interference is made out. The petition is accordingly dismissed.

(RAJIV NARAIN RAINA)
JUDGE

08.11.2019

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Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes*
Whether reportable : *Yes/No*