

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP No.880 of 2016 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 29.01.2019

Jaswant Singh and another

... Petitioners

Versus

The Punjab State Coop Bank Ltd.

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present: Mr. G.L. Bajaj, Advocate
for the petitioners.

ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)

The present writ petition has been filed seeking a writ of *mandamus*, directing the respondents to consider the petitioners for appointment as a Clerk-cum-Data Entry Operator, contending that they are fully qualified and eligible for the post and, therefore, entitled to the said appointment.

2. As stated in the petition, the respondent advertised for filling up 500 posts of Clerks-cum-Data Entry Operators in the Punjab State Cooperative Bank Limited (PSCB) vide advertisement dated 09.09.2013 (Annexure P-1).

3. I have perused the writ petition along with the Annexures appended thereto. Neither the advertisement is under challenge in the petition nor even otherwise a case is made out as to how the petitioners are entitled to seek a *mandamus* without challenging any action on the part of the respondent.

On the other hand, this petition was filed some time in January, 2016 and thereafter, it was taken up on as many as six occasions and each time adjournment was sought at the behest of the petitioners. Finally, vide order

dated 05.08.2016 this Court adjourned the case sine die. Even thereafter no steps were taken by the petitioners to get the same listed, which led to the Registry of this Court, on its own, to place the matter before this Court, pursuant whereunto, the learned counsel for the petitioners as appeared today.

4. On the query of the Court, no plausible reasoning has been given as to why the matter was not pursued despite the lapse of three years after filing of the petition in this Court. Another aspect of the matter is that the selection process pursuant to the advertisement dated 09.09.2013 has been completed and attained finality. The relief sought herein is, therefore, hit by delay and laches.

5. Be that as it may, the present writ petition is dismissed both on merits and for non-prosecution.

29.01.2019*rekha sharma***(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes/No*

Whether reportable : *Yes/No*