

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

LPA No.119 of 2020
Date of Decision :03.03.2020

Santokh Singh

.....Appellant

Versus

Haryana Staff Selection Commission and another

..... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAVI SHANKER JHA, CHIEF JUSTICE
HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE ARUN PALLI, JUDGE**

Present : Mr. S.K.Verma, Advocate for the appellant.

Arun Palli J.:

This is an *intra Court* appeal, under Clause X of the Letters Patent, against a judgment and order dated 13.12.2019, rendered by the learned Single Judge, vide which the writ petition preferred by the appellant has since been dismissed.

The appellant, pursuant to an advertisement dated 20.02.2016, issued by the Haryana Staff Selection Commission, Panchkula, competed for selection to the post of Shift Attendant in UHBVNL/HVPNL/DHBVNL in S.C. Category. He appeared and qualified the written examination conducted on 29.05.2016. Vide notice dated 30.04.2017, he was called for scrutiny of documents. It is his case that on the appointed date i.e. 06.05.2017, he appeared and produced the required documents which were duly scrutinized. Albeit, vide notice dated 12.08.2017, the short listed candidates were called for interview, but the name of the appellant did not

find mention in the said list. Resultantly, he moved the respondents vide a representation dated 14.08.2017, to ascertain the true position, but to no avail. For, even the final results were declared on 08.03.2019, thus, the appellant approached this Court, vide a writ petition, which as referred to above, has been dismissed, for, it suffered from delay and laches.

We have heard learned counsel for the appellant and perused the records.

Concededly, pursuant to the notice dated 12.08.2017, the candidates, who qualified, were called for interview. Candidature of the appellant was ignored. He purports to have even moved a representation dated 14.08.2017, which was not responded to. Thus, cause of action, if any, had accrued to the appellant in August 2017. However, for a period of over two years, the appellant chose to sleep over the issue and did not avail the remedies as were admissible, and the process of selection stood concluded. He approached this Court in December 2019, and in the meanwhile, pursuant to their selection, candidates competing in respective categories acquired certain valuable rights. Thus, it was inexpedient to interfere in the matter at such a belated stage. In the wake of the above, even the argument: that appellant approached this court immediately post declaration of the final result and even though he had scored 78 marks in the written examination but a candidate with 70 marks in his category (SC), was called for interview would not advance his case a bit. It rather appears that either during scrutiny of documents or immediately thereafter the appellant knew the precise reason as to why he was not called for interview, which is why he did not rake up any dispute at that stage and even for a period of more than two

years thereafter.

That being so, we are dissuaded to interfere with the impugned judgment and order. The appeal being devoid of merit is accordingly dismissed.

(RAVI SHANKER JHA)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

03.03.2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No