

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

**LPA No.198 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision :11.02.2020**

Gurmeet Kaur

.....Appellant

Versus

State of Punjab and another

..... Respondents

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

Present : Mr. Khushkaran Kumar, 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 25.07.2018, rendered by the learned Single Judge vide which the writ petition filed by the appellant has since been dismissed.

Pursuant to an advertisement dated 23.09.2009, posts of lecturers in different streams were sought to be filled. The appellant competed for selection to the post of lecturer in Punjabi under the Freedom Fighters category. Her grievance is that even though she qualified the examination and was placed at No.5 in the combined provisional merit list, yet another candidate namely Mandeep Kaur who was placed below the appellant at Serial No.7, was offered appointment.

Upon consideration of the matter and the material on record, the learned Single Judge concluded that claim of the appellant was predicated upon combined merit list which was provisional in nature. The appellant failed to place on record the final selection list of the candidates in her

category. It was not disputed either that Mandeep Kaur, who was allegedly placed below the appellant in the merit list was appointed in the year 2011, whereas the appellant filed the writ petition in the year 2017. Thus, the petition suffered from gross, inordinate and unexplained delay of 6 years. In fact, even a civil suit under the general common law qua the reliefs claimed in the writ petition would have been time barred. Not just that from perusal of the record we find that Mandeep Kaur, who was alleged to be lower in merit than the appellant, was not even arrayed as party to the *lis*.

In the wake of the above, we are dissuaded to interfere with the impugned judgment. The appeal being bereft of merit is accordingly, dismissed.

(RAVI SHANKER JHA)
CHIEF JUSTICE

(ARUN PALLI)
JUDGE

11.02.2020

Manoj Bhutani

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No