

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

CWP No.11105 of 2019
Date of Decision : 17.01.2020

Om Parkash

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

....Respondents

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.S.Walia

Present: Mr. Paramjit Singh Jammu, Advocate for the petitioner.

B.S.WALIA, J. (Oral)

1. Prayer in the writ petition is for the issuance of directions to respondent Nos.3 and 4 to promote the petitioner to the post of Clerk w.e.f. the year 1998 instead of 20.03.2011 and to grant further promotion to the post of Superintendent in view of his junior i.e. respondent No.5 having been promoted to the post of Fireman in the year 2002 and as Clerk on 18.04.2003, by ignoring the petitioner who had passed matriculation examination in the year 1980.

2. I have heard learned counsel for the petitioner.

3. Admittedly the petitioner has claimed promotion w.e.f. the year 1998 by way of the instant writ petition which has been filed in the year 2019 i.e. after a delay of close to 21 years. However, no explanation has been given by learned counsel for the delay in invoking the jurisdiction of this Court except that he had been pursuing the matter. The mere fact the petitioner had been pursuing the matter

with the authorities is no ground for not having invoked the jurisdiction of this Court within reasonable period of time. Moreover, a perusal of the paperbook reveals that the petitioner has approached the authorities for the first time in the year 2018 by way of representation dated 12.12.2018. Thus, the claim of the petitioner is hit by delay and laches.

4. In view of the position as noted above, the writ petition is bereft of merit and is accordingly dismissed in limine.

(B.S.WALIA)
JUDGE

17.01.2020.

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