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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(C) 623/2020**

CHANDER MOHAN Petitioner
Through: Mr.Ravinder Singh, Ms.Priyam
Agarwal, Ms.Raveesha Gupta, Advs.

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ANR. Respondents
Through: Mr.Vikram Jetly, CGSC with Mr.Nikhil
Bhardwaj, Adv. for R-1-2.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAVIN CHAWLA

ORDER
% **20.01.2020**
CMs 1705-06/2020

Exemption allowed, subject to all just exceptions.

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This petition has been filed by the petitioner challenging the order/letter dated 15.07.2019 issued by the respondents as also for the *writ of mandamus* directing the respondents to release the maturity amount invested in 10 National Saving Certificates vide Registration No. DO-015011 to 015020.

The petitioner had earlier filed a writ petition being WP(C) No.18486/2004 tilted ***Chander Mohan vs. UOI***. The same was dismissed by this Court by its order dated 03.12.2004, on the ground of delay and laches. It was further held that on this ground no direction can be passed in the writ petition, however, the respondents were still directed to make an endeavour to locate the records and if the same are located, to process the claim of the petitioner. Three

months were granted to the respondents to communicate the result of such exercise to the petitioner. The petitioner claims that the petitioner did not receive any communication from the respondent thereafter, but kept representing to the respondents.

Eventually, by the Impugned orders/communications dated 05.06.2018 and 15.07.2019, the Department of Posts has reiterated that the records are not traceable.

In my view, these letters will not give a fresh cause of action to the petitioner. In fact, even after dismissal of the earlier petition on the ground of delay and laches, there is absolutely no justification for the petitioner to have waited for another period of 16 years before filing the present petition.

The petition is therefore, dismissed.

NAVIN CHAWLA, J

JANUARY 20, 2020
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