

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

CWP-4428-2021

Date of decision: 30.09.2021

Balwinder Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present: Mr. Ashish Gupta, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Rajni Gupta, Additional A.G., Haryana.
(Presence marked through video conference).

ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)

Writ petition was filed some time in/or around February, 2021 and due to the pandemic, the Courts are working under certain restrictions and matters are being taken up as a special measure through video conferencing and that too only which are of urgent nature.

2. The instant case was also taken up through video conferencing for hearing on 25.02.2021, but instead a request was made for adjournment. Accordingly, it was adjourned to 18.03.2021. But once again request was made for adjournment on that date and it was then posted to 29.04.2021. And yet again, when it was taken up, had to be adjourned at the request of learned counsel for the petitioner. Similar is the status today, as request for adjournment is being made on the ground that arguing counsel for the petitioner is in personal difficulty.

3. Having gone through the contents of the petition and in view of the repeated adjournments sought, it does seem that there is neither urgency nor any merit in the matter.

4. Ordinarily, this court would have dismissed the petition on that ground alone, and that too, with costs.

5. Be that as it may, speaking of merits, grievance of the petitioner is qua an order dated 31.10.2019, whereby he claims that he has been wrongly ignored for promotion while his juniors have been accorded the same benefit. Petitioner has challenged the promotion order dated 31.10.2019, which has been passed on valid reasons. Petitioner has been denied the promotion for lack of requisite qualification/degree stating that *“The Visharda Degree is not equivalent to the Graduation Degree as Graduation is a Three years Course after 10+2 and Visharda is a Two Years Course after 10th”*.

6. In the premise, petitioner's claim for promotion has rightly been rejected. No grounds to interfere are made out.

7. Dismissed.

30.09.2021
vandana

(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No