

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

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**CWP No.8363 of 2021
Decided on : 28.04.2021**

Suresh Chand

... Petitioner

Versus

Union of India and others

... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.S. SANDHAWALIA

Present: Mr. Vishal Garg Narwana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Anil Chawla, Advocate for the respondents-UOI.

(The proceedings have been conducted through video
conferencing, as per instructions.)

G.S. Sandhawalia, J. (Oral)

The petitioner in the present writ petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeks directions for quashing the selection of respondent No.6-Mail Carrier on the ground of having less marks.

A perusal of the representation filed by the petitioner dated 24.12.2020 (Annexure P-5) would go on to show that the said post was notified in November, 2013 and the said person was selected in the year 2014. The representation has now been filed on 24.12.2020 after a period of six years.

It has also come on record that the petitioner has been working since the year 2017 on *ad hoc* basis as a Gramin Dak Sewak with the respondents and getting the salary of Rs.14,000/-, but had not chosen to challenge the appointment of private respondent No.6 at any earlier point of time.

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It is the settled principle that any illegality has to be challenged within a reasonable time and the present writ petition has been filed after a period of six years by the petitioner challenging the appointment of private respondent No.6.

In such circumstances, this Court is of the opinion that no justification is made out and the writ petition is liable to be dismissed on the ground of delay and laches.

Ordered accordingly.

April 28, 2021
Naveen

**(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No