

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

CWP-14873-2021

Date of Decision: 26.10.2021

KARAMBIR SINGH

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present : Mr. Chetan Bansal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Rajni Gupta, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

(Presence marked through video conference).

ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner, herein, *inter alia*, seeks issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing respondent No.2 to decide the Mercy petition filed by him vide Diary No.1509/2010-11 (Annexure P-1).

2. *Prima facie*, this Court was not inclined to interfere in the matter given the inordinate delay in approaching this Court to seek a decision on the pending Mercy petition filed by the petitioner way back in the year, 2010. However, another similarly situated employee, who had also filed a Mercy petition somewhere in the year 2009, belatedly approached this Court in the year, 2016 i.e. after a lapse of seven years, was granted indulgence by a coordinate bench vide judicial order dated 25.01.2016 (as reproduced in para No.5(iii) of the writ petition), inasmuch as, a direction was issued to the competent authority to decide the Mercy petition, in accordance with law.

3. In view thereof, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of with an expectation from the competent authority that the Mercy petition filed by the petitioner be also taken up for consideration and appropriate orders be passed in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible, given that the same has already been pending for more than ten years.

4. Disposed of accordingly.

October 26, 2021

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(ARUN MONGA)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No