

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

CWP-13475-2002 (O&M)

Date of decision: 27.10.2022

Purshotam Dass

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present: None for the petitioner.

Mr. R.D.Sharma, DAG, Haryana.

ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)

Petition herein, *inter alia*, is for issuance of a writ in the nature of certiorari for quashing orders dated 31.07.2002 (Annexure P/9) and 04.08.2002 (Annexure P/10), whereby the petitioner was reverted from the post of Water Pump Operator-II to Work Munshi and thereafter from Work Munshi to Mali-cum-Chowkidar.

2. Petition was admitted on 27.03.2003.

3. On the last date of hearing there was no representation on behalf of when none appeared for the petitioner and this Court was informed that during pendency of the writ proceedings the learned counsel for the petitioner has since expired and so the Registry was directed to issue notice to the petitioner.

4. On resumed hearing today, office report reveals that notice issued to the petitioner has not been received back either served or otherwise. Particulars of the address given as per the 'Memo of Parties' reflects that on the given office address service may not be possible as due to pendency of writ for more than 20 years the petitioner would have retired, though at the time of filing of the instant petition in the year 2002, he was in service. It seems that by sheer effluxion of time and pendency of the writ petition for more than 20 years before this Court, either it has been rendered infructuous or even otherwise the petitioner seems to have lost interest in pursuing the same.

5. Be that as it may, writ petition is disposed of with liberty to the petitioner to file an appropriate application in case any cause of action still survives.

(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

October 27, 2022

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