

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

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**CWP-1862-2022(O&M)
Date of decision:10.02.2022**

NIRMAL SINGH

...Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ANOTHER

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

**Present: Mr. Tarun Sharma, Advocate,
for the petitioner.**

Mr. Nikhil Chopra, Addl.A.G., Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J (Oral)

The hearing of the case is being held through video conferencing on account of restricted functioning of the Courts.

On 03.02.2022, when the writ petition was listed for preliminary hearing, the following order was passed:-

“Although the petitioner has not disclosed the date on which the various other selected candidates were issued the appointment letters, however, on a Court question, the learned counsel representing the petitioner admits that such appointment letters were issued in the month of January 2017. The learned counsel representing the petitioner is granted another opportunity to explain the reasons for delay in filing the present writ petition.”

The learned counsel representing the petitioner contends that the petitioner was submitting representations during all this time and therefore, there is no delay in filing the writ petition.

The petitioner is stated to have submitted an application pursuant to a recruitment notice dated 31.05.2016, inviting applications for recruitment of 7616 male/female constables in District Police Cadre and Armed Police Cadre.

The learned counsel representing the petitioner admits that the appointment letters to various selected candidates were issued in the month of January 2017. The petitioner has not attached any representation. There is unexplained delay for a period of 5 years. The writ petition is an extraordinary constitutional remedy which is required to be invoked promptly.

The petitioner has failed to explain colossal delay of 5 years. Hence, the writ petition suffers from delay and laches.

Consequently, the writ petition is dismissed.

All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, are also disposed of.

February 10, 2022
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No