

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

CWP-2020-2002

Date of decision: 23.11.2022

Ajaib Singh

...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 the order dated 18.12.2001/31.12.2001 passed by respondent No.1 (Annexure P-13) vide which the date of promotion of the petitioner as Executive Engineer was changed to a later date.

2. Petition was admitted for hearing on 01.05.2003.
3. On the last date of hearing i.e., 12.10.2022, none appeared on behalf of the petitioner and Registry was asked to issue notice to learned counsel for the petitioner. As per office report, petitioner has retired from the service and Department is not aware about the present address of the petitioner. Particulars of the address given as per the 'Memo of Parties' reflect that on the given office address service may not be possible as no residential address and/or any specific particulars thereof have been given and it is merely an office address where at the relevant time petitioner was serving. In the premise, no useful purpose would be served to issue fresh notice to the petitioner as the same too would be an exercise in futility.

4. Even otherwise by sheer effluxion of time and pendency of the writ petition for more than 19 years before this Court, either it has been rendered infructuous or even otherwise the petitioners seem to have lost interest in pursuing the same.

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

(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

November 23, 2022
P.Bhatt

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