

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

CWP-2655-2003

Date of decision :15.11.2022

Dr. R.K.Srivastva

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present: Mr. Amrit Paul, Advocate,
For the petitioner.

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

Ms. Harpriya Khaneka, Advocate,
For the respondent-HPSC.

ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)

Petition herein, *inter alia*, is for issuance of a writ in the nature of certiorari to quash the order dated 12.12.2002 (Annexure P-21) whereby respondent No.4 was appointed on the post of Professor in Pharmacology. Further prayer has been made for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to consider the petitioner for appointment on the post of Professor in Pharmacology.

2. Petition was admitted for hearing on 17.02.2003.

3. When taken up for final adjudication, after around 19 years, learned counsel is unable to assist the Court for lack of instructions. Learned counsel for the petitioner states that despite attempts, his office could not contact the petitioner. 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. It seems that 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 petitioner seems 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 15, 2022

Vandana

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No