

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

**CWP No.10501 of 2001(O&M)
Date of decision: 26.05.2022**

Lazza Ram and others

...Petitioners

Vs.

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present: None for the petitioners.

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

ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)

Petition herein, *inter alia*, is for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to grant the benefit of additional increments with all other consequential benefits to the petitioners on completion of 8 and 18 years of total service.

2. Petition was noticed on 21.11.2001.

3. When called out for hearing, there is no representation on behalf of the petitioners. It seems that by sheer effluxion of time and pendency of the writ petition for more than 21 years before this Court, either it has been rendered infructuous or even otherwise the petitioners seem to have lost interest in pursuing the same.

4. In any case, it appears that even on merits, claim of the petitioners is not admissible in view of the following stand taken in para No.3 of the reply on merits, filed on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3, which is reproduced herein below for ready reference:-

“3. That in reply to para No.3 of the writ petition, it is respectfully submitted that necessary clarifications had been obtained from the Controlling Authority i.e. the Superintending Engineer, Chandigarh Circle, Haryana P.W.D. B&R Branch, Chandigarh about the grant of additional increments after completion of 8/18 years of service including the work-charge period and the said authority had intimated vide his office letter No.E-II/CL/11185 dated 11.12.2000 that as per the instructions issued by the Finance Department Letter No.1/138/91-1(FD) dated 7.8.1992, the benefit is admissible to the employees who have rendered 8/18 years regular satisfactory service and the period spent on work-charge basis cannot be counted for the purposes of granting the benefits of additional increments. As such, the petitioners, who are seeking benefit of additional increments by counting their period of service rendered on work-charge basis are not entitled to this benefit and the writ petition deserves to be outrightly dismissed.”

5. I am in agreement with the stand taken by the respondents as aforesaid. Neither any replication has been filed to the afore-noted stand of the respondents nor any additional affidavit of any kind to controvert the same.

6. In view of the aforesaid, no grounds are made out to interfere.

7. Dismissed.

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(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No