

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

CWP-12808-2002

Date of decision :14.09.2022

Dharam Pal Chohan

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present: Mr. Samrat Malik, Advocate
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 09.08.2002 (Annexure P-9) vide which the petitioner was reverted from the post of Assistant Project Officer to the post of Fisherman, (Class-IV post) after 23 years.

2. While issuing notice of motion, vide order dated 16.08.2002, operation of impugned order was stayed. Petition was admitted for hearing on 12.03.2004 and interim order was ordered to continue.

3. When taken up for final adjudication, after around 20 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

September 14, 2022
Vandana

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No