

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

CWP-7210-2002

Date of decision :17.10.2022

DHARAMPAL SHARMA

...Petitioner

Vs.

STATE OF HARYANA AND ORS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present: Ms. Promila Nain, 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 mandamus directing the respondents to consider the case of the petitioner for promotion to the post of Assistant Food and supplies Officer (AFSO).

2. Petition was admitted for hearing on 14.11.2002.

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, her 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 20 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

October 17, 2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No