

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

CWP-17108-2000 (O&M)

Date of decision: May 25, 2022

Satbir Singh and others

.....Petitioners

versus

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present: Mr. Ramesh Hooda, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. R.D. Sharma, DAG Haryana.

ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)

Petitioners are seeking, issuance of a writ in the nature of Certiorari for quashing the impugned seniority list (Annexure P-5), and further directing respondent No.2 to grant seniority to the petitioners over and above respondents No.3 to 8 in accordance with Rule 12 of the Haryana State Forest Executive Section (Group 'C') Services Rules, 1988 and instructions dated 05.04.1971 (Annexure P-4) issued by the State of Haryana.

2. Petition was filed in the year 2000 and has been lying admitted ever since. When called for hearing after around 21 years, both the learned counsels are unable to assist the Court for lack of instructions. Learned counsel for the petitioners states that despite attempts, his office could not contact the petitioners, whereas on the other hand learned counsel for the State submits that he made attempts to get instructions from the office representatives of the respondents, but for lack of any assistance, he is unable to address arguments.

3. 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. In any case, petitioners must have retired during pendency of the writ proceedings.

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

(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No