

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

CWP-19833-2001 (O&M)

Date of decision: November 21, 2022

Krishna Raheja

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present: None 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 impugned letter 17.08.2001 (Annexure P-8) whereby claim of petitioner for grant of selection grade and modified higher standard pay scale on completion of 10 and 20 years as Clerk was denied. Further, issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to grant the above benefits to petitioner w.e.f. 01.01.1994/ 01.04.1995 and also grant corresponding new pay scale and Assured Career Progressive Scales in view of letter dated 07.01.1998 (Annexure P-6).

2. Petition was admitted for hearing on 20.12.2001.

3. On an earlier hearing held on 11.10.2022, it was observed that counsel for the petitioner, who earlier filed the petition had expired, therefore, registry was directed to issue notice to the petitioner, still none appears today.

When taken up for final adjudication, after around 18 years, none has put in appearance on behalf of the petitioner. In this context, it is important to note that a specific notice has been issued in the cause list, as well as, on the notice Board of the Court room, stating ***“In the category of “To Be Taken UP” Regular matters shown in the daily cause list, if learned counsel still do not appear, it would be an indicator that they are not interested in pursuing the same and the cases shall then be decided regardless of their presence. Learned counsels are, therefore, requested to watch the regular cause list of the Court.”*** Notwithstanding none appears. Court is left with no choice but to dismiss the petition.

4. Even otherwise 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 petitioner seems to have lost interest in pursuing the same.

5. Be that as it may, dismissed with liberty to the petitioner to file an appropriate application in case any cause of action still survives.

6. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No