

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

CWP-4065-1998 (O&M)

Date of decision: August 24, 2022

Dilbag Rai and others

.....Petitioners

versus

State of Haryana and another

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present: Mr. I.D. Singla, Advocate 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 Certiorari for quashing the clause 'Adhoc' in the promotion letter dated 23.11.1990 (Annexure P-1) of the petitioners' cadre of Assistant/ Accountant Junior Auditor etc. Further a writ in the nature of Mandamus has been sought for directing the respondents to determine the seniority of the petitioners' cadre from the date of their promotion as Assistant/ Accountant Junior Auditor etc. by ignoring the superfluous clause 'Adhoc'.

2. Petition was admitted for hearing on 04.02.2002.

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 petitioners states that despite attempts, his office could not contact the petitioners. In the premise, no useful purpose would be served by issuing fresh notice to the petitioners as the same too would be an exercise in futility.

4. Whereas, learned counsel for the State also 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.

5. 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 petitioners seem to have lost interest in pursuing the same.

6. 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