

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-5151-2003 (O&M)

Date of decision: 19.12.2022

Randhir Singh and others

...Petitioners

Vs.

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA**Present:** None 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 order dated 11.10.2002 (Annexure P-9) whereby recoveries were ordered to be effected from the petitioners on account of erroneous fixation of cadre strength.

2. Perusal of the case file reveals that while issuing notice of motion on 03.04.2003, recovery was ordered to be stayed. On 04.05.2004, while admitting the appeal, interim order dated 03.04.2003 was made absolute.

3. On previous date of hearing i.e. 16.11.2022, none appeared on behalf of the petitioners. Registry was directed to issue notice to the petitioners. As per office report, petitioners No.3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 17-22 have retired and petitioners No.1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 11, 12, 16, 23 and 24 are not traceable. 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. Even otherwise 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 else the petitioners seem to have lost interest in pursuing the same.

5. Be that as it may, writ petition is dismissed.

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

(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

December 19, 2022

Vandana

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No