

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

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**CWP No.9652 of 2021(O&M)  
Date of Order: 02.02.2022**

**HC(P) Gurmel Singh**

**...Petitioner**

**Versus**

**State of Punjab and others**

**...Respondents**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL**

Present: Mr. Sandeep Gors, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Ayush Sarna, AAG, Punjab.

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The petitioner assails the correctness of the order passed on 23.06.2014, forfeiting one year permanent service alongwith increment by future effect.

The impugned order was passed by the Senior Superintendent of Police, Kapurthala on 23.06.2014 (Annexure P-5). A revision petition filed by the petitioner is stated to have been dismissed on 07.05.2015 (Annexure P-6). The present petition has been filed on 05.05.2021.

Despite repeated requests, the learned counsel representing the petitioner failed to furnish any plausible explanation for the delay. Hence, the writ petition suffers from unexplained delay and latches for nearly 6 years.

Even otherwise, the petitioner, who was serving as a police official was assigned the duty to escort a renowned smuggler for appearance in the Court. Due to negligence of the petitioner, the aforesaid smuggler escaped. In the departmental inquiry, the petitioner has been found negligent.

Hence, no ground to interfere in the impugned order is made out.

Dismissed.

**February 02, 2022**

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**Whether speaking/reasoned**

**Whether reportable**

**(ANIL KSHETARPAL)  
JUDGE**

**YES/NO**

**YES/NO**