

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

RSA-2162 of 2019 (O&M)
Date of Order: 31.08.2023

Joginder Pal

.Appellant

Versus

State of Punjab and another

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

**Present: Mr. Tejinderbir Singh, Advocate
for the appellant.**

Mr. Ajit Singh Natt, AAG, Punjab

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J

1. The correctness of the findings of fact arrived at by the First Appellate Court is challenged in the regular second appeal by the plaintiff.
2. His suit for grant of decree of declaration that he is entitled to proficiency step-up after the completion of 8 years of service in the year 1982, second proficiency step-up after the completion of 16 years of service in the year 1988 and third proficiency step-up after the completion of 24 years of service in the year 1998 is illegal, null and void. The appellant retired from service on 30.12.2005, whereas the suit was filed on 11.02.2013. It has been found by the First Appellate Court that the appellant was punished with stoppage of 14 annual increments with cumulative effect on different occasions and he was also punished with stoppage of 13 increments on different occasions without cumulative effect. He did not even earn the annual increments since 1982. He was found to have embezzled the amount. Moreover, the suit as filed was beyond prescribed limitation period.

3. Keeping in view the aforesaid facts and discussion, no ground
to interfere is made out.
4. Dismissed.
5. All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, are also
disposed of.

August 31, 2023
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

:YES/NO
:YES/NO