

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

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**CWP-16784 of 2022 (O&M)
Date of decision: 15.03.2023**

Darshan Singh and others

..Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Vishal Nehra, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. R.S.Pandher, Sr. DAG, Punjab

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J(Oral)

The petitioners pray for the issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus to grant them benefit of increment, as granted to the similarly situated employees, on the basis of the judgment passed in CWP-632- 2001 titled as '*Ajit Singh and others vs. The Presiding Officer, Industrial Tribunal, Punjab and another*', which was allowed on 21.02.2013. The petitioners, after attaining the age of superannuation, retired from their respective jobs. During the period of their service, the punishment orders were passed, while stopping their increments. Though this fact has not been disclosed, however, the learned counsel representing the petitioners admits that the orders were passed before the year 2003. The filing of the writ petitions by certain other employees do not give fresh cause of action, to the petitioners, to the seek issuance of a writ. Moreover, the aforesaid case was decided on 21.02.2013. Hence, the writ petition suffers from unexplained delay and laches.

Dismissed.

All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, are also disposed of.

March 15, 2023
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes/No*
Whether reportable : *Yes/No*