

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

CWP-21752-2018

Date of decision : 13.02.2023

Sushant Bhatia

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN

Present: None for the petitioner.

Mr. I.P.S. Kang, A.A.G., Punjab.

Mr. Ashwani Prashar, Advocate
for respondent No.4.

PANKAJ JAIN, J. (ORAL)

The present writ petition has been filed impugning transfer order dated 23.08.2017.

On 29.08.2018, the following order was passed:-

'The petitioner is serving as a Secretary with the Department of Local Bodies, Punjab. He was promoted and posted at Municipal Corporation, Amritsar vide order dated 30.12.2016. He has challenged the order dated 23.08.2018 (Annexure P-2), whereby he has been transferred from Amritsar to Bathinda.

It is contended that the petitioner has not completed even two years, when his transfer has been ordered as a result of petitioner having undertaken anti-encroachment drive in Amritsar. Reference is made to the news item at Annexure P-3.

Notice of motion for 29.11.2018.

In the meanwhile, operation of the impugned transfer order dated 23.08.2018 (P-2) shall remain stayed.

To be taken up in the urgent list.'

In the considered opinion of this Court, keeping in view that the interim order was passed on 29.08.2018 on the plea raised by the petitioner that he has not completed 02 years on the station when he was ordered to be transferred. Thereafter more than 4 ½ years have lapsed.

Merely by efflux of time, the present writ petition has been rendered infructuous.

Ordered accordingly.

13.02.2023

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(PANKAJ JAIN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

: Yes/No

Whether reportable

: Yes/No