

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

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CWP-29953-2017

Date of decision: 12.01.2023

SUKHDEV SINGH

..Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. A.S. Manaise, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. R.K. Kapoor, Add. A.G. Punjab.

Mr. Parminder Singh, Advocate
for Mr. Vivek Chauhan, Advocate
for respondent no.3.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J(Oral)

The petitioner prays for issuance of a writ of certiorari to quash order dated 02.08.2017. The petitioner has already retired from service on 31.03.2017. He prays for the notional promotion to the post of Panchayat Officer from 26.02.2015 when his juniors were promoted with all the consequential reliefs. As per the Punjab Panchayat Secretaries (Recruitment & Conditions of Service) Rules, 1979, the promotion to the post of Panchayat Secretary is on the basis of the seniority-cum-merit and seniority itself is not a ground to seek promotion. From the written statement filed by the respondents-State, it is evident that the case of the petitioner along with 10 other employees for the promotion to the post of Panchayat Officer was forwarded to the competent authority. On 14.12.2015, the competent authority approved the promotion of only five employees excluding that of the petitioner. Thereafter, the case of the petitioner and other five employees remained pending with the department when the petitioner attained the age of superannuation.

In absence of challenge of the correctness of the order dated 14.12.2015, no effective relief can be granted to the petitioner.

Hence, dismissed.

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

January 12th, 2023

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	:	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	:	<i>Yes/No</i>