

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

CWP-365-1998 (O&M)

Date of decision: April 26, 2022

Dhani Ram Chaudhary

.....Petitioner

versus

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present: None for the petitioner.

Mr. R.D. Sharma, DAG Haryana.

ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)

Petition was filed in the year 1998, *inter alia*, for issuance of a writ in the nature of Certiorari quashing the impugned order dated 02.05.1997 (Annexure P-2) by which the petitioner has been illegally and arbitrarily ignored for promotion to the post of Superintending Engineer by passing a vague, cryptic and non-speaking order. Prayer is also made for quashing impugned order dated 21.03.1997 (Annexure P-14 colly) by which a penalty of stoppage of two annual grade increments without cumulative effect has been imposed besides recovery without there being any justification. Further prayer has been made for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondent-Department to consider and promote the petitioner from the post of Executive Engineer to the post of Superintending Engineer with effect from 05.04.1995 when his immediate junior (respondent No.3) was promoted or from any other date from which the petitioner is found entitled to the said promotion.

Petition was admitted on 03.07.2002.

When called out for hearing today, there is no representation on behalf of the petitioner. It seems that by sheer effluxion of time and pendency of the writ petition for more than 23 years before this Court, either it has been rendered infructuous or even otherwise the petitioner seems to have lost interest in pursuing the same.

Be that as it may, writ petition is disposed of with liberty to the petitioner to file an appropriate application in case, any cause of action still survives.

(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No