



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

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CWP-27298-2016

Date of decision: 11.03.2025

AMRIT LAL

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present:- Mr. Rajeev Anand, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. M.K. Bali, Advocate
for the respondents.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Challenge in the present writ petition is to the order dated 05.08.2016 (Annexure P-10) whereby the case of the petitioner regarding the protection of the seniority as per the relevant instructions based on the fortuitous circumstances has been rejected and for being given the consequential benefit of his protected seniority as Head Constable/General Duty in the respondent-Department.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner is, however, not in a position to dispute that original promotion was done in the year 2001 and that a period of nearly 15 years has lapsed since the said promotion before the instant writ petition was filed. In the meanwhile, the employees have been further promoted to the post of ASI, Sub Inspector and are currently serving as Inspector. At no point

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of time during the period of 16 years, the petitioner raised an agitation before a competent forum for espousing his grievance. I find that institution of the present writ petition is barred by delay and laches and a settled seniority list for a period of nearly 16 years should not be disturbed at the convenience of the petitioner.

The petition is accordingly dismissed.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

MARCH 11, 2025*Vishal sharma*

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