



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

**CWP No.681 of 2025  
Date of Decision: 05.02.2025**

Harpreet Singh

.....Petitioner.

Versus

Union of India and others

.....Respondents.

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV PRAKASH SHARMA  
HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA**

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Present:- Mr. Harkaran Singh, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Narender Kumar Vashist, Senior Panel Counsel  
for the respondent-UI.

**SANJEEV PRAKASH SHARMA, J.(Oral)**

The writ-petitioner assails the order dated 20.12.2017 passed by the Central Administrative Tribunal, Chandigarh (for short 'the CAT'). The reasons advanced by the learned counsel for not challenging the order within reasonable time are not satisfactory. Merely by stating that the petitioner had no knowledge that the order of the CAT can be challenged in the High Court, is no excuse especially for a person who is holding a gazetted post. It is expected from the petitioner to know the law.

2. The writ petition suffers from gross laches and the same is, accordingly, dismissed.

**(SANJEEV PRAKASH SHARMA)  
JUDGE**

**(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)  
JUDGE**

**February 05, 2025**  
Yag Dutt

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