

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

**Civil Writ Petition No.16973 of 2015 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 20.10.2016**

Gurvinder Kumar and others

..... Petitioners

Versus

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited,
The Mall Road, Patiala through its Chairman

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Mohit Jaggi, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Bhupesh Dogra, Advocate for
Mr. Amit Aggarwal, Advocate for the respondent-PSPCL.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (Oral)

Five petitioners, namely, Gurvinder Kumar, Yoginder Singh, Kamaldeep Singh, Kanwaljit Singh and Kulvir Sekhon possess the qualification of Degree in Electrical Engineering. They were aspirants for appointment to 506 posts of the Junior Engineer (Electrical), pursuant to the advertisement dated 17.06.2015 (**Annexure P-5**). The selection process envisaged a written test to determine the merit for appointment.

The grievance of the petitioners was that the persons with Degree in Computer Science/I.T. Engineering were made eligible for recruitment to the post of Junior Engineer in the Electrical Wing, as it is contended that there was no nexus of the Degree with the job performance of the post.

This Court, vide interim order dated 25.08.2015, had stayed the finalization of the written test conducted for recruitment.

Upon an application for modification, vide order dated 29.07.2016, the interim order was modified by permitting the appointments to be made subject to the decision of the present writ petition as, *prima facie*, it was shown that in the light of the modernization and upgradation of the PSPCL, the decision to make the candidates with Degrees in Computer Science and/or I.T. Engineering to be eligible was justified.

At the time of hearing today, learned Counsel for the petitioners prays for permission to withdraw the present petition in order to challenge the Circular dated 01.04.2015, whereby amendment in the essential qualification for recruitment to the post of J.E. (Electrical) has been effected, vide which the Degrees in Computer Science and/or I.T. Engineering have been included.

Learned Counsel for the respondent has no objection to the same.

In view of the above, the present petition stands dismissed as withdrawn with the aforesaid liberty.

October 20, 2016

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**(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE**

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>