

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

**Civil Writ Petition No. 17453 of 2016 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 27.08.2016**

Amrik Singh and others

..... Petitioners

Versus

Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. Patiala and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Ritesh Aggarwal, Advocate
for the petitioners.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the instant writ petition on behalf of the petitioners, is for grant of the benefit of the promotional increment on completion of twenty-three (23) years' regular service as they have not got even a second promotion, much less three promotion, that too between the 16th and 23rd years of service.

Five petitioners, namely, Amrik Singh, Faqir Chand, Paramjit Singh, Surjit Singh and Sudesh Kumar (petitioner Nos. 1 to 5, respectively), were recruited as Assistant Lineman with the erstwhile Punjab State Electricity Board (succeeding by Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.). The petitioners are stated to have earned one promotion to the rank of Lineman. Faqir Chand and Surjit Singh (petitioner Nos. 2 & 4, respectively) are stated to have retired w.e.f. 31.12.2013 and 28.02.2014, respectively, whereas remaining three petitioners, namely, Amrik Singh, Paramjit Singh and Sudesh Kumar (petitioner Nos. 1, 3 & 5, respectively)

are still working as Lineman with the Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd.

At the time of hearing, learned counsel for the petitioners, submits that his clients would be satisfied if the respondents are directed to decide their claim as set out in the legal notice dated 23.05.2016 **(Annexure P-4)** within a time frame.

The prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners, being reasonable, is accepted.

In view of above, the instant writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to look into the matter, consider the claim/grievance of the petitioners raised vide legal notice dated 23.05.2016 **(Annexure P-4)** and decide the same at an early date, by passing a speaking order thereon, strictly in accordance with law, but in any case within a period of four months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order. Needless to say that admissible benefits shall be released to the petitioners within the period of one month thereafter.

Disposed of in the above terms.

August 27, 2016

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**(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE**

Whether Speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether Reportable	No