

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

**Civil Writ Petition No.20919 of 2016  
Date of Decision: 05.10.2016**

Balbir Singh

..... Petitioner

*Versus*

Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. and others

..... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH**

Present: Mr. Varinder Kumar Shukla, Advocate for the petitioner.

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**JASWANT SINGH, J. (Oral)**

The petitioner, while working as a Daily Wager, was appointed as Work Charge T-Mate in the erstwhile Punjab State Electricity Board (PSEB), vide memo dated 07.03.1994 (**Annexure P-1**). Subsequently, vide memo dated 17.12.2002 (**Annexure P-3**), he was offered appointment as Regular T-Mate.

The grievance of the petitioner is that his colleague-Davinder Singh s/o Sh. Chanan Singh was identically placed as the petitioner and was promoted as Assistant Lineman, vide order dated 23.08.2006 (**Annexure P-5**) whereas the claim of the petitioner for such appointment was not considered. Therefore, a mandamus is prayed for promotion w.e.f. 23.08.2006.

After hearing learned Counsel for the petitioner, no ground for interference is made out.

It is not the case of the petitioner that the said Davinder Singh is junior to the petitioner, so as to make out a claim for promotion w.e.f. 23.08.2006, when Davinder Singh was promoted. Therefore, the prayer cannot

be accepted.

The claim for retrospective promotion even otherwise cannot be entertained as there is no explanation for the inordinate delay of almost 10 years before raking up the issue of retrospective promotion. Thus, the claim even otherwise is barred by delay and laches.

Accordingly, the present petition stands dismissed.

October 05, 2016

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(JASWANT SINGH)  
JUDGE

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