

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

Date of decision: 17.11.2016

CWP No.23709 of 2016

Gurseb Singh

...Petitioner

Vs.

Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Ltd. & another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV NARAIN RAINA

Present: Ms. Alka Chatrath, Advocate, for the petitioner.

RAJIV NARAIN RAINA, J. (ORAL)

From the table made in para.22 of the petition, Ms. Alka Chatrath, learned counsel argues that the petitioner who belongs to General category is higher in merit than Kani Ram, Sukhbir and Sunil, who have been offered appointment as Assistant Linesman in August, 2016 in the respondent-Nigam. The petitioner has been selected at merit No.137 and the candidates lower in merit namely, Kani Ram, Sukhbir and Sunil who were selected in the waiting list at merit No. 221, 259 & 271 respectively belonging to General Category have already been appointed.

When asked how has this happened, Ms. Chatrath submits that in cases of the present kind that the respondent- Nigam offers appointment when directed by Court. This is a rather interesting way of settling rights of candidates who are higher in merit in the category.

If this is the position then there is no need to issue summons and put the Nigam to notice only to perpetuate a bad habit formed in the Nigam to go by Court orders alone with no sanctity attached to merit in the selection process.

In the circumstances, Ms. Chatrath's contentions appear to be weighty that the petitioner's demand notice dated October 10, 2016 (P-18) deserves to be paid attention to by the authorities in the Nigam.

Accordingly, a direction is issued to the respondents to take up the demand notice forthwith, examine the case of above-said selected candidates as against the case of the petitioner and accord him parity of treatment according to his merit position. Let this exercise be completed within a fortnight and in case, the petitioner deserves appointment according to his merit position in the category applied for then he would be offered consideration for appointment within the next three weeks after completing the formalities.

With these observations and directions, the petition stands disposed of.

17.11.2016
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[RAJIV NARAIN RAINA]
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes*

Whether Reportable: *No*