

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

**Date of decision: 16.02.2016**

**CWP No.2717 of 2016**

Devinder Singh

...Petitioner

Vs.

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited, Patiala & others ...Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV NARAIN RAINA**

Present: Mr. Onkar Singh, Advocate,  
for the petitioner.

**RAJIV NARAIN RAINA, J. (ORAL)**

The petitioner has claimed compassionate appointment in place of his father, who died on the age of 47 years on 15<sup>th</sup> December, 2003 while working as Lineman. The petitioner's mother was declined consideration for compassionate appointment for the reason that she was not fit for the job since it such as could be performed only by a man. The petitioner was a minor, when his father died. He became major in the year 2011. Since 10<sup>th</sup> September, 2011, he avers that he has been making the rounds of the Corporation to provide him compassionate appointment. His reminders have met with no success and he has lastly sent a reminder/representation on 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2015, which has neither been considered nor decided so far.

In the circumstances, Mr. Onkar Singh, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner, submits that he would be satisfied if a direction be issued to the Corporation to sympathetically consider the request of the petitioner for compassionate appointment in terms of the Rules and Regulations prevailing in the Corporation; either on the post held by his father

(Jarnail Singh) or as currently available, in case there is a policy in place. The petitioner has cited an example of a Lineman, who died after the death of Jarnail Singh. This other similarly placed family has been provided compassionate appointment and their son has joined service of the respondent-Corporation as a Peon. The prayer of the petitioner is accepted. This is a fit case for appropriate directions to consider the claim by taking a final decision. While considering the case of the petitioner, the Corporation would also examine the issue of parity so that there is left no trace of unreasonable discrimination practiced within the Corporation.

As a result, the respondents are directed to consider and decide the successive representations resting with the last reminder/representation dated 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 within a period of two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. If the petitioner makes a request for personal hearing, the same shall be allowed.

Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, this petition is disposed of with the above observations and directions.

**[RAJIV NARAIN RAINA]**  
**JUDGE**

**16.02.2016**  
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