

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

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**CWP-1253-1996 (O&M)
Date of decision: 03.08.2017**

Atma Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

The Presiding Officer, Labour Court-cum-Industrial Tribunal, Jalandhar and
another

.... Respondents

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice P.B. Bajanthri

Present: Mr.Rajiv Vij, Advocate for the petitioner.

None for respondent No.2.

P.B. Bajanthri, J. (Oral)

In the instant writ petition, petitioner has challenged the validity of the award passed by the Labour court dated 02.05.1995 (Annexure P2).

Petitioner had joined the respondent-Bus Services as a Driver on 01.03.1986. Due to illness, he had applied for leave from 23.05.1988 to 28.05.1988. He could not recovered from illness. Consequently, he has reported only on 12.08.1988 and worked for about 19 days till 30.08.1988. Thereafter, remained absent from 31.08.1988 onwards. These factual aspects brought to the notice of the Labour Inspector on 29.09.1988. Thereafter, it seems that he has abandoned the services. The Labour court passed an award against the petitioner-workman on the score that he remained absent continuously from 31.08.1988 onwards.

Having regard to the fact that petitioner has rendered service from 01.03.1986 to 30.08.1988 instead of reinstating and back wages and other

things, petitioner is entitled only for compensation in terms of the decision in the case titled as *Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited versus Bhurumal* reported in (2014)7 SCC 177. Therefore, respondent No.2 is hereby directed to pay compensation of Rs.1 Lac to the petitioner within a period of 3 months from today failing which petitioner is entitled for interest @ 8% per annum w.e.f. today.

CWP stands disposed of.

03.08.2017
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(P.B.BAJANTHRI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasons	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No