

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

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Civil Writ Petition No.12007 of 2017
Date of Decision: May 26th, 2017

Mohinder Singh Dhaliwal and others

...Petitioners

Versus

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited, Patiala and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

Present: Mr. Shakti Bhardwaj, Advocate
for the petitioners.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, 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 promotions, that too between the 16th and 23rd years of service.

Petitioners were recruited as Assistant Lineman with the erstwhile Punjab State Electricity Board (succeeded by Punjab State Power Corporation Limited). All the petitioners except petitioner Nos.1 and 6 (who are working as J.E.), are stated to have earned one promotion to the rank of Lineman. Petitioner Nos.9 and 10 are stated to have retired from the post of Lineman, whereas remaining petitioners are still working with the Punjab State Power Corporation Limited.

At the time of hearing, learned counsel for the petitioners, submits that the petitioners would be satisfied if the respondents are directed to decide their claim as set out in the legal notice dated 22.02.2016 (Annexure P-5) 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 by legal notice dated 22.02.2016 (Annexure P-5) 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 a period of one month thereafter.

May 26th, 2017
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(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No