

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

**CWP-16585-2017 (O&M)
Date of decision: 28.07.2017**

Gurmeet Singh & others

... Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab & others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present: Mr. R.K. Arora, Advocate for petitioners.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.

Counsel would submit that the petitioners who are serving as Pump Operators under the Department of Water Supply and Sanitation, State of Punjab were granted benefit of regularization of their services w.e.f. 08.11.2001.

Instance of one Lachhman Dass son of Suraj Bhan, Pump Operator and whose details have been furnished in paragraph 4 of the writ petition and who was earlier granted benefit of regularization w.e.f. 28.02.2002 has been cited.

Grievance raised in the instant writ petition is that the junior Lachhman Dass has subsequently in terms of issuance of order dated 25.07.2011 been granted benefit of regularization w.e.f. 18.05.2001 i.e. a date prior to present petitioners.

Precise argument raised is that in matters of regularization, the seniors have to be granted same benefit as have been granted to a junior counter-part.

Claim, as such, is for grant of regularization with all

consequential benefits w.e.f. 18.05.2001 and at par with the junior Lachhman Dass/respondent No.5.

Without even ascertaining the correctness of the averments, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the instant writ petition in terms of granting liberty to the petitioners to file a comprehensive representation as regards their claim. In the eventuality of any such representation being preferred, respondent No.2 i.e. The Chief Engineer, Punjab Water Supply and Sanitation Department, Patiala would be obligated to consider the same and to take a final decision thereupon in accordance with law expeditiously and in any case, within a period of three months from the date of submission of the same.

Disposed of.

28.07.2017

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

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| (i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| (ii) | Whether Reportable? | Yes/No |