

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CWP No.17020 of 2017 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 30.08.2017

Bhagwant Kaur

--Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

--Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. V.K. Sandhir, Advocate for the petitioner.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.J

Counsel submits that the petitioner was appointed as a Stenographer on 12.9.1985 under the Department of Rural Development & Panchayat, State of Punjab. She was thereafter promoted to the post of Senior Assistant on 12.9.2001 and on which post she is serving even till date. It has been averred that the work and conduct of the petitioner is without blemish.

In the seniority list of Senior Assistants circulated on 10.10.2014 name of the petitioner is at Sr. No.172.

The short grievance raised in the instant petition is that the respondent authorities by adopting a method of pick and choose have vested the current duty charge of the promotional post of B.D.P.O to her juniors i.e. respondents no.3 to 7 herein and whose names figure in the seniority list at Sr. Nos. 176, 239, 248, 277, 274 and 308 respectively.

The precise contention raised by counsel for the petitioner is that even though, no employee cannot assert a right to be vested the current duty charge/additional/officiating charge of a promotional post, still, while granting the charge of the higher post, the principle of seniority should not

be deviated from as far as possible.

Without making any observations on the merits of the contention raised by counsel and without even ascertaining the correctness of the averments made in the petition, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the instant petition with a direction to respondent no.2 i.e. the Director, Rural Development & Panchayat, State of Punjab to examine on expeditious basis the grievance of the petitioner in the light of a representation dated 1.7.2017 (Annexure P-4) i.e. stated to have already been submitted.

Disposed of.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

30.08.2017

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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No