

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

**CWP-29767-2017 (O&M)
Date of decision: 22.12.2017**

Narinder Singh Sidhu

... Petitioner

Vs.

State of Punjab & others

... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. G.S. Benipal , Advocate for the petitioner.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL).

The respondent/Punjab State Cooperative Bank Limited is stated to be a society registered under the Cooperative Societies Act and is financed and controlled by the State of Punjab and as such is an instrumentality of the State Government.

It is pleaded that petitioner joined the Bank as a Clerk in the year 1987. Thereafter, he earned promotions and is now serving on the post of Assistant Manager (Legal). It has been averred that the petitioner is due to retire on 31.12.2017 upon attaining the age of superannuation i.e. 58 years.

Claim set up in the instant petition is for grant of extension in service beyond the normal age of superannuation of 58 years and on the strength of the provisions under the Punjab State Cooperative Financing Institutions Service Rules, 1958 as also Circulars dated 08.10.2012 and 27.02.2013 issued by the State Government as Annexures P-2 and P-3 respectively.

Counsel has adverted to the documents placed on record at Annexures P-7 to P-9 to contend that other employees of the respondent/ Bank have been granted benefit of extension.

Categoric contention raised is that work and conduct of the petitioner has been without blemish and there is no inquiry/departmental proceedings pending against the petitioner.

Counsel states that an option/representation has already been preferred by the petitioner seeking extension in service beyond the age of superannuation but the same is still pending consideration and no final decision thereupon has been taken.

In view of the submissions advanced by counsel and without going into the merits of the case, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the instant writ petition with a direction to respondent No.4 i.e. Managing Director, Punjab State Cooperative Bank Limited to consider the claim of the petitioner for extension in service beyond age of superannuation strictly in accordance with law and to take a final decision within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

Disposed of.

22.12.2017

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**(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No