

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

LPA no.1174 of 2017 (O&M)

Date of Decision :18.09.2017

Subhash Setia

....Appellant(s)

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondent(s)

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MAHESH GROVER
HON'BLE MR JUSTICE RAJ SHEKHAR ATTRI**

Present : Mr. Ram Niwas Sharma, Advocate for the appellant(s)

MAHESH GROVER, J.(ORAL)

This appeal is directed against the judgment of the learned Single Judge dated 2.5.2017 dis-entitling the appellant to increments which he sought by making a prayer that his previous service rendered by him as Accounts Officer with the Haryana Tourism Corporation should be construed as valid for granting him increments after he joined State Accounts Service in 1995 after qualifying the relevant examination.

Learned Single Judge has noticed that the petitioner joined this SAS as a fresh appointee and even though his pay was protected, this would not ipso facto entitle him to the increments which would be dependent on the entry of service and the period for grant of such increments would be reckoned from the date of such entry in accordance with the prescribed instructions/rules.

Learned counsel for the appellant contends that this service

rendered by him prior to his joining SAS has been construed to be valid for

the purposes of pension and therefore it should also be counted for increments.

We are afraid this cannot be accepted as increments would be distinct from the benefit dependent on the tenure of service rendered in a particular assignment of service. Therefore, learned Single Judge is right in negating the plea of the appellant. Hence, instant appeal is hereby dismissed. However, delay of 29 days in filing the instant appeal is hereby condoned.

(Mahesh Grover)
Judge

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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No

(Raj Shekhar Atttri)
Judge