

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH****Date of decision: 15.02.2018****CWP No.15226 of 2001**

Jaswant Singh & another

...Petitioner

Vs.

State of Haryana & others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV NARAIN RAINA

Present: None for the petitioners.

Mr. Harish Rathee, Sr. DAG, Haryana.

RAJIV NARAIN RAINA, J. (ORAL)

This petition was filed in 2001 challenging allocation from the erstwhile Haryana State Electricity Board to Haryana Vidyut Prasaran Nigam after the Haryana State Electricity Board was unbundled by carving out two power utilities on 14.08.1998 and thereafter two more entities incorporated on 02.04.1999 as Government companies.

This case was admitted in 2001. On 30.10.2017, when the case was put up, following order was passed:

“This petition, which was admitted to regular hearing, has been put up in view of the fact that no process fee has been filed so far by learned counsel for the petitioners.

Notice to learned counsel for the petitioners, returnable on 15.02.2018.”

Still process fee was not filed in this case and, therefore, notice could not be issued to the respondents. Thus, I find no reason to keep this matter pending after passage of 16 years. Any interference at this stage

might lead to administrative chaos if the two petitioners are transferred from one utility to the other, which in any case was not entirely a matter of personal choice, but was in the exigencies of administration in a complex matter where four independent companies were born out of HSEB.

Consequently, the present petition is dismissed for non-prosecution and in default of appearance.

15.02.2018
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[RAJIV NARAIN RAINA]
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes
Whether Reportable:	No