

**CWP No. 12842 of 2018
DECIDED ON: MAY 21, 2018**

ATMA SINGH

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LTD AND ORS

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASPAL SINGH

Present: Ms. Shikha Jaidka, Advocate for
Mr. J.S. Jaidka, Advocate
for the petitioner.

JASPAL SINGH, J (ORAL)

By virtue of instant civil writ petition, preferred under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, petitioner has sought issuance of a writ particularly in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondents to grant him the benefit of 23 years ACP scales which became due to him on 06.10.2001.

2. The contention of learned counsel for the petitioner is that petitioner joined the respondent-Corporation as Meter Reader on 06.10.1978 and retired as such on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.08.2010 from the office of respondent No.3. Petitioner was entitled to the grant of benefit of 23 years ACP scales on 06.10.2001 but the same relief has not been granted to him till date. Aggrieved against the non-disbursal of 23 years ACP scale, petitioner moved representation on 18.04.2017 (P-2) but till date no conscious

decision has been taken. He further submits that petitioner feels satisfied in case direction is issued to respondent(s) to decide aforesaid representation, within a stipulated period

3. Instant petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent(s) to look into the grievances unfolded by the petitioner in representation dated 18.04.2017 (Annexure P-2) and to decide the same in accordance with law, rules and regulations and instructions issued by the Government from time to time, within a period of four months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. However, relief shall stand restricted to 38 months in view of Full Bench judgment of this Court in *Saroj Kumari v. State of Punjab and others*”, *1998(3) SCT 664*, as there is inordinate delay on the part of the petitioner to approach this Court.

4. However, if the petitioner still feels aggrieved against any of the order(s) passed by the concerned authority, he shall be at liberty to have recourse to the remedies available under law as well as to approach this Court.

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(JASPAL SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned *Yes/No*
Whether reportable *Yes/No*