

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

**CWP-2396-2015 (O&M)
Date of decision : 21.08.2018**

Sunil Kumar

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. and another

...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN

Present: Mr. Minkel Thatai, Advocate,
for Mr. Vikas Gupta, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. PPS Thethi, Advocate,
for the respondents.

JITENDRA CHAUHAN, J.

The petitioner, *inter alia*, seeks issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondents to consider the claim of the petitioner for the post of Lineman, under the category of 'SC (Balmiki).

It is contended that in pursuance of advertisement (Annexure P-1), the petitioner, who belongs to 'SC (Balmiki)' category, inadvertently applied for the post in question under 'SC-Other' category and on account of the same, he has been denied the selection. The merit of the petitioner is 72.76% as per the criteria laid down by the respondents, whereas, the candidate having 72.15% in the category of the petitioner i.e. 'SC (Balmiki)' has been selected.

On the other hand, learned counsel for the respondents refers to

Annexures R-1 and R-2, the public notices issued by the corporation calling upon the applicants to rectify the discrepancy, if any, in their applications but the petitioner did not come forward.

Heard.

Despite having been afforded two opportunities to correct the mistake, if any, in the application forms submitted by the applicants against the advertisement in question for the post in question, the petitioner did not avail the same. Admittedly, the petitioner applied against a wrong category and therefore, he is liable to face the consequences. The respondents are well within their rights to reject the claim of the petitioner, particularly, when he had two opportunities to correct the mistake.

In view of the above discussion, this Court is of the considered opinion that the instant petition is devoid of any merit and the same is, hereby, dismissed.

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(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned : Yes No

Whether Reportable : Yes No