

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

CWP No.3305 of 2018
Date of decision: 14.02.2018

Ram Bhagat

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and another

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN PALLI

Present: Mr. Ram Niwas Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

ARUN PALLI, J. (Oral)

 Contends that the tentative seniority list of Veterinary & Livestock Development Assistants (VLDA) has since been circulated by the respondent department on 06.06.2017. And the petitioner has been assigned a position at serial No.613 therein, for, he was taken to have been appointed w.e.f. 07.03.1989. Whereas, he had joined the department on 08.11.1982. And, thus, ought to have been assigned seniority between serial Nos.175 to 178, by taking into consideration his appointment, though ad hoc on 08.11.1982 and regularized w.e.f. 01.11.1986. The petitioner purports to have filed objections to the tentative seniority list within the specified time. And even a representation dated 20.01.2017 (Annexure P9), followed by a legal notice dated 01.11.2017 (Annexure P11), have also been served upon the respondents. But to no avail. The apprehension of the petitioner is that the tentative seniority list itself is being taken into consideration for the purpose of making further promotions.

In the wake of the above, the petition is disposed of, at this stage, only with a direction to the respondents to consider and decide the

claim of the petitioner, as also his representation dated 20.01.2017 (Annexure P9) and legal notice dated 01.11.2017 (Annexure P11), within a period of 8 weeks from the receipt of certified copy of this order. And pass appropriate orders in accordance with law. Needless to assert that in the event the claim of the petitioner is declined, the respondent authority shall pass a comprehensive order assigning reasons in support thereof.

(Arun Palli)
Judge

14.02.2018
Rajan

Whether speaking / reasoned:
Whether Reportable:

YES
NO