

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.4506 of 2018

Date of Decision: 01.08.2018

Dinesh Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV NARAIN RAINA

Present: Mr. Vikas Lochab, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

RAJIV NARAIN RAINA, J.(Oral)

1. I have gone through the petition and heard counsel.
2. The claim is for considering the case of the petitioner for seniority, promotion and for other consequential benefits on par with the junior i.e. respondent No.4.
3. The petitioner began his career as work charge chaukidar on January 01, 1980. He states that on December 01, 1984 he was promoted as Assistant Pump Driver and made regular hand on February 14, 1992. He was promoted on September 08, 2011 as Assistant Lineman in the respondent Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Ltd. He compares his case with respondent No.4 – Mahabir Singh who as per the petitioner's version was inducted as a Regular Work Mate on May 10, 1993. He was promoted as Assistant Lineman on January 20, 2000 and further promoted as Lineman on October 26, 2010. The petitioner says that he had made repeated representations to the office of respondent No.3 starting February 20, 2015 followed by legal notice dated July 17, 2017 which have evoked no

response.

4. A case for promotion and seniority as retrospectively claimed in this petition after more than two and a half decades is inordinately delayed for this Court to interfere in the matter. Sufficient cause is not shown to explain the delay and laches. Disputes of promotion and seniority should be raised within six months to a year as indicated by the Supreme Court in P.S. Sadasivaswamy vs The State of Tamil Nadu, AIR 1974 SC 2271.

5. This petition is dismissed both on delay and laches.

(RAJIV NARAIN RAINA)
JUDGE

01.08.2018

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Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether reportable Yes/No