

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

**CWP-4152-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 26.02.2019**

Hans Raj Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. & another

... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA.

Present: Mr. Surmukh Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner is aggrieved of the action of the respondent/Punjab State Power Corporation Limited in having denied to him appointment to the post of Assistant Lineman.

Counsel submits that the petitioner possesses the 10+2 qualification and has even passed the trade test in the trade of Electrician from the Punjab State Board of Technical Education and Industrial Training. Even apprenticeship training in the trade of Lineman under the Apprenticeship Act, 1961 was completed and a certificate was issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Labour and Employment, National Council for Vocational Training.

The respondent/Corporation issued a public notice bearing No.CRA-289/2016 for recruitment of 2800 posts of Assistant Lineman. Petitioner being eligible in terms of possessing the requisite qualifications had applied for the post against the general category and for which 1400 posts were earmarked.

The short grievance raised in the instant petition is that inspite of having secured 79.47 marks in the selection process, candidates lower in merit have been selected and have been sent for training purpose.

Counsel would contend that the action of the respondent/ Corporation is arbitrary and violative of Articles 14 and 16 of the Constitution of India.

Court has been apprised that even a legal notice dated 15.10.2018 (Annexure P-11) has been served upon the respondent/ Corporation but no response is forthcoming.

In view of the above and without even ascertaining the correctness of the averments made in the petition, I deem it appropriate to dispose of the instant writ petition with a direction to respondent No.2 i.e. the Secretary, Punjab State Power Corporation Limited, Patiala to examine the claim of the petitioner against the backdrop of the legal notice dated 15.10.2018 (Annexure P-11) and to take a decision thereupon expeditiously and to convey the same to the petitioner.

It is, however, clarified that this Court has not expressed any opinion on the merits of the claim.

Disposed of.

26.02.2019

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(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |