

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 2319 of 1996 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 11.04.2019

Nanak Singh & Ors.

... Petitioners

versus

Pepsu Road Transport Corporation & Anr.

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present : None for the petitioners.

Mr. Abhaypal Singh Gill, AAG Punjab.

ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)

1. There is no appearance on behalf of the petitioners nor any request has been made on their behalf. This petition is lying admitted since 1997. I find no justification in keeping the matter pending. I have carefully gone through the paper-book containing the pleadings of the parties and the documents appended in support thereto and heard the learned State counsel.

2. The claim of the petitioners, who were working as Service Engineers in Pepsu Road Transport Corporation, in the present writ petition is for pay parity with the Service Engineers working in the Punjab Roadways.

3. Per contra, the stand taken by respondent No.1 is that the post of Service Engineer in Punjab Roadways is equivalent to the Works Manager and these are inter-changeable, whereas in PRTC the post of Service Engineer is lower than Works Manager, they are not interchangeable and Works Manager is a

promotional post. Accordingly, at the relevant time, pay scale of Rs.1800-3200 was granted to Service Engineers in accordance with their entitlement. Furthermore, my attention has been drawn to the recommendations of the Pay Commission, which were made after granting personal hearing to the concerned, relevant whereof are extracted hereinbelow:-

(i) The Third Pay Commission, Punjab has recommended the revised scales against the existing scales in which the Service Engineers of PRTC who were in the existing grade of Rs.700-1300 were allowed the revised grade of Rs.1640-2925 and further Rs.1800-3200 by the Pay Revision Committee.

(ii) In Punjab Roadways, the grade of Service Engineer was Rs.825-1580 against which the revised grade was Rs.2000-3500 later revised to Rs.2200-4000.

(iii) The Post of Service Engineer in PRTC is inter-mediatory between the post of Service Station Incharge and Works Manager whereas in Pb. Roadways, it is equivalent to the post of Works Manager.

(iv) The Works Manager in PRTC are in a higher grade and the Service Engineers are promoted to the rank of Works Manager, therefore, the post of Service Engineer is lower in rank than the post of Works Manager. But, in Pb. Roadways the post of Service Engineer is inter-changeable with that of Works Manager and is also equivalent to the Works Manager.”

4. Learned State counsel submits that based on the aforesaid reasonings, the petitioners/ Service Engineers were rightly put in the pay scale of Rs.1800-3200 and their demand to be placed in higher pay grade of Rs.2200-4000 of Works Manager was rightly rejected.

5. I am in agreement with the submission of learned State counsel and do not find any ground to interfere in the impugned order dated 04.11.1995 (Annexure P-11). The writ petition is accordingly dismissed. No order as to costs.

(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

April 11, 2019
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| 1. Whether speaking/ reasoned: | Yes/ No |
| 2. Whether reportable: | Yes/ No |