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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CR-2619-2019 (O/M)
Date of decision : 23.4.2019

Mahesh Kumar Singla Petitioner (s)

Versus

Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. and another Respondent (s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDIP SINGH

Present:- Mr. Anupam Singla, Advocate,
for petitioner.

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KULDIP SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Heard.

It comes out that arbitration proceedings are pending before sole arbitrator Er. Ashok Kumar Garg, retired Chief Engineer, PSPCL. In the said proceedings, present petitioner filed application that arbitrator having been appointed in more than 20 cases for last two years cannot act as arbitrator in view of amended provisions of Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996. The second objection was that he is an ex-employee of PSPCL and as per amended provisions of Arbitration and Conciliation Act, 1996, a person, who is employee for last 3 years, cannot be appointed as arbitrator. The objections were overruled by arbitrator.

I am of the view that arbitration is meant for speedy disposal of dispute. This Court refrains itself from interfering in interim orders passed by arbitrator. The petitioner is always at liberty to challenge the award on the grounds available to him, including grounds mentioned in application.

Dismissed.

(KULDIP SINGH)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking order : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No