

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 12996 of 2019
Date of Decision : 16.05.2019

Jeet Ram and others

...Petitioners

Versus

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited Patiala and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Dharampal, Advocate for the petitioners.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J.(Oral)

In the present writ petition, the grievance which is being raised by the petitioners is that they were appointed on work-charge basis starting from the year 1976 till 1979 and their services were regularized starting from the year 1995 till 1998, details of which have been given by the petitioner in Annexure P-1.

All the petitioners have already retired and their grievance is that work-charge service, which they had rendered prior to regularization, has not been taken into account as a qualifying service for the grant of pensionary benefits. In support of the claim, learned counsel for the petitioners relies upon a judgment of the Full Bench of this Court in ***Kesar Chand Vs. State of Punjab and others, 1988(2) PLR 223.***

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that for the relief, which has been claimed in the present writ petition, the petitioners have

served the respondents with a legal notice dated 10.04.2019 (Annexure P-6) and the petitioners will be satisfied, at this stage, in case a time bound direction is issued to the respondents to decide the legal notice by passing a speaking order.

Without going into the merits of the case or expressing any opinion to the entitlement of the petitioners in respect of the relief claimed in the present writ petition or in the legal notice, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to pass an appropriate speaking order on the claim raised by the petitioner in the legal notice dated 10.04.2019 (Annexure P-6) within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

The writ petition stands disposed of.

May 16, 2019
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned? *Yes*
Whether reportable? *No*