

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

**CWP NO. 18722 OF 2013
DATE OF DECISION : 26.03.2019**

Sardool Singh Ghumman and others

...Petitioners

versus

**The Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering and
Technology Longowal and others**

...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present : Mr. K. S. Boparai, Advocate,
for petitioner No.1.

Mr. Daman Dhir, Advocate with
Ms. Raman Dhir, Advocate,
for petitioners No.2 to 8.

Mr. Karan Singh Sandhu, Advocate,
for respondents No.1 and 2/SLIET.

Mr. Salil Sabhlok, Advocate,
for respondent-UGC.

Mr. R. K. Malik, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Sunil Hooda, Advocate,
for respondents No.5 to 13.

ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)

1. Short controversy involved in this case is with regard to grant of benefit of Carrier Advancement Scheme (hereinafter referred to as "the CAS") by virtue of promotion of serving Associate Professors to the post of Professors, as per UGC guidelines.

2. Learned senior counsel appearing for private respondents, as also, learned counsel for the respondent-Sant Longowal Institute of Engineering and Technology (hereinafter referred to as "SLIET"), at the outset, submit that during the pendency of the writ petition, petitioners No.2 to 8 have been given the benefit of promotion with effect from the date of their respective eligibility and therefore, their prayer to grant benefit of CAS under UGC is rendered infructuous. As regards petitioner No.1, who is the only one left out from the group of petitioners, learned counsel for respondent-SLIET submits that despite being asked by the institute, petitioner No.1 has not applied for the promotion under CAS. He further submits that petitioner No.1 was specifically issued a letter dated 03.05.2018, whereby, he was requested to apply afresh so that he may be considered for grant of the benefit under CAS. He also submits that in case petitioner No.1 applies for promotion to the post of Professor, he can be considered at par to petitioners No.2 to 8, and if found fit, he would be granted seniority with all consequential benefits as per applicable norms, as applied to the case of petitioners No.2 to 8 and respondents No.5 to 8.

3. Learned counsel for petitioner No.1 submits that he had already submitted an application dated 15.06.2012, for grant of promotion to the post of Professor, as per CAS and UGC guidelines and the same be considered by the respondents for the said purpose.

4. In view of the fact that the said application was filed seven years ago, it will be appropriate if petitioner No.1 gives a fresh application to the respondent-SLIET, seeking benefit of promotion to the post of Professor, as per applicable norms.

5. Learned counsel for respondent-SLIET submits that 31/03/2019 is the last date for applying under the Scheme. However, in the peculiar circumstances of the present case, the cut off date for petitioner No.1 for filing the requisite application, can be extended by two weeks.

6. In this view of the matter, let petitioner No.1 apply afresh for seeking promotion to the post of Professor on or before 15.04.2019, and thereafter, the respondents shall process his application as per the CAS and UGC guidelines.

7. Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(ARUN MONGA)
JUDGE

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1.	Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes/No
2.	Whether reportable :	Yes/No