

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

(127)

CWP-28536-2019

Date of Decision: October 03, 2019

Ashok Kumar Joshi

.. Petitioner

Versus

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited and others .. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Jatin Salwan, Advocate, for the petitioner.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J.(ORAL)

In the present writ petition, the grievance of the petitioner is that though the petitioner had 23 years of service but at the time of retirement, petitioner was not granted the benefit of promotional increment without any valid justification and keeping in view the finance circular dated 21.08.2018 (Annexure P-2), petitioner is fully eligible for the grant of the promotional increment.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that the benefit of promotion to the post of Junior Engineer has also not been extended to the petitioner though, persons junior to the petitioner, the details of whom have been given in paragraph 2 (d) of the writ petition, were promoted to the post of Junior Engineer ignoring the claim of the petitioner without any valid justification.

The prayer of the petitioner, in the present writ petition, is for directing the respondents to grant the petitioner the benefit of promotional increment on completion of 23 years of service as well as promotion to the post of Junior Engineer with effect from the date, persons junior to him, were promoted.

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that for the relief which has been claimed in the present writ petition, the petitioner has served the respondents with a legal notice dated 16.08.2019 (Annexure P-4) which is still pending consideration with the respondents and the petitioner will be satisfied, at this stage, in case a time bound direction is issued to the respondents to decide the said legal notice by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case or about the entitlement of the petitioner for the relief which has been claimed by him in the legal notice dated 16.08.2019 (Annexure P-4), the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 16.08.2019 (Annexure P-4), within a period of three months from the receipt of certified copy of this order.

October 03, 2019*harsha***(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No