

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No. 31555 of 2019  
Date of decision : 01.11.2019

Satbir Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondents

***CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI***

Present:- Mr. A.K. Viridi, Advocate for the petitioner.

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**Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)**

The grievance which is being raised by the petitioner in the present writ petition is that vide order dated 25.05.2015 (Annexure P-1), petitioner was granted retrospective promotion as AFM w.e.f. 06.10.2013 but the name of the petitioner has not been reflected in the seniority list of the AFM, whereas the AFMs, who were promoted in the year 2016, were promoted further as Junior Engineer on 27.08.2018 and the claim of the petitioner, despite being senior, was ignored by the respondents only on the ground that his name was not reflected in the seniority list of AFM.

The prayer of the petitioner is to grant him the benefit of promotion to the post of Junior Engineer with effect from the date, the 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, petitioner has served the respondents with a legal notice dated 10.12.2018 (Annexure P-8), 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.

In view of the request made, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case and the claim being made by the petitioner, the respondents are directed to decide the legal notice dated 10.12.2018 (Annexure P-8) by passing a speaking order within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

Writ petition stands disposed of accordingly.

**November 01, 2019**  
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**( HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI )**  
**JUDGE**

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