

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

CWP No.1149 of 2020

Date of Decision : 16.01.2020

Kunal Bhatti

....Petitioner

Versus

The Chairman, Punjab State Power Corporation
Limited and others

...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

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Present: Mr.Mohit Garg, Advocate
for the petitioner.

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TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J.(ORAL)

Petitioner seeks a Mandamus for directing the respondent-Corporation to grant him appointment on a suitable post on compassionate basis.

As per averments made in the petition, father of the petitioner was serving as Assistant Line Man under the Corporation and died in harness on 03.01.2010. Mother of the petitioner had already pre-deceased the father. On the date of death of the father, petitioner was a minor. Accordingly, the paternal grandmother of the petitioner submitted an application before the concerned authority for reserving one post for the petitioner and to be considered for compassionate appointment on the date of attaining majority.

It is the contention raised by counsel that pursuant to the application preferred by the paternal grandmother, one post was reserved by the respondent-Corporation. It is also submitted that upon

attaining the age of majority on 19.05.2017, petitioner approached the concerned officials under the respondent-Corporation calling upon them to process his application for appointment on compassionate basis.

The short grievance raised in the petition is that in spite of the requisite documents/affidavits as called upon having been submitted, the application for compassionate appointment has not been decided.

Counsel submits that he would be satisfied if the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the concerned authority to take a final decision in the matter within a stipulated time frame.

Submission advanced by counsel is found to be just and reasonable.

In view of the above and without opining on the merits of the case, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of this writ petition with a direction to respondent No.3/competent authority to examine the claim of the petitioner against the backdrop of representation dated 06.08.2019 (Annexure P-7) and to take a final decision thereupon expeditiously and in any case within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

Disposed of.

16.01.2020

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(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes

Whether reportable

No