

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

(106)

CWP No. 4040 of 2020

Date of Decision : 14.02.2020

Hakam Chand Sharma

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present:- Mr. Dhiraj Chawla, Advocate for the petitioner.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioner states that petitioner is aggrieved against the order dated 13.09.2017 (Annexure P-4) passed by the Chief Executive Officer by which, the claim of the petitioner for promotion as Executive Engineer has been declined. Learned counsel argues that prior to the retirement of the petitioner, there were enough posts available for consideration of the case of the petitioner for promotion as Executive Engineer but the petitioner was not promoted and now his claim has wrongly been rejected by the Chief Executive Officer vide order dated 13.09.2017 (Annexure P-4). The prayer of the petitioner is for directing the respondents to grant him the benefit of promotion as Executive Engineer with effect from the date person juniors 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 already filed an appeal dated 05.11.2017 (Annexure P-5) before the Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Local Self Government but despite the fact that approximately more than two years have elapsed, the said appeal is still pending consideration with respondent No. 1. Learned counsel for the petitioner states that petitioner will be satisfied, at this stage, in case a time bound direction is issued to respondent No. 1 to decide the said appeal by passing an appropriate speaking order in a time bound manner.

In view of the request made, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case and the claim being made by the petitioner, respondent No. 1 is directed to decide the appeal dated 05.11.2017 (Annexure P-5) 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.

February 14, 2020
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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