

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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LPA-492-2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 11th August, 2020

Navneet Sidhu

....Appellant

VERSUS

Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. and others

....Respondents

**CORAM: JUSTICE S. MURALIDHAR
JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN**

Present: Mr. Saurabh Arora, Advocate for the Appellant.

Mr. Sehajbir Singh, Advocate for Respondent No. 1.

Dr. S. Muralidhar, J.

1. This is an appeal directed against the judgment dated 29th June, 2020 of the learned Single Judge, rejecting the Appellant's writ petition (CWP No. 7881 of 2020), which sought a mandamus to Respondent Nos. 1 & 2 to consider the Appellant's candidature for the post of Superintendent Divisional Accounts ('SDA'), for which she had applied under the 'SC/OT' category, pursuant to an advertisement no. CRA 293/19, dated 5th September, 2019.
2. It appears that subsequent to the issuance of the advertisement, in which the only classification shown was 'SC/OT', a corrigendum came to be issued on 27th September, 2019, adding a new sub-category of 'SC/MB' and allocating five of the nine posts to the said new category.

3. A note in the corrigendum permitted candidates who had already applied under the 'SC/OT' category to be considered under the 'SC/MB' category, provided that they submitted a representation on or before 11th October, 2019, along with the relevant documents proving their actual category.
4. Admittedly, the Appellant missed this deadline and submitted a representation only after the declaration of the merit list. Another candidate belonging to the 'SC/MB' category, who was appointed as SDA, opted to be considered under the changed category. She, however, applied after the corrigendum was issued but submitted the relevant documents before the deadline.
4. In the circumstances, the impugned judgment dated 29th June, 2020 of the learned Single Judge declining to interfere cannot be faulted with.
5. The appeal is accordingly dismissed. The pending application is also disposed of.

(S. MURALIDHAR)
JUDGE

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

11th August, 2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned Yes

Whether reportable No