

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(109)

CWP No. 13636-2020

Date of Decision : 04.09.2020

RAJ KUMAR

....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

(through video conferencing)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present:- Mr. Baldev Singh Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

Present petition has been filed by the petitioner with a prayer that his claim for promotion as Social Education and Panchayat Officer be considered by the respondent authorities.

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that under the rules governing the service, the petitioner was eligible for promotion as Social Education and Panchayat Officer but the said benefit has not been extended to him without any valid justification. Learned counsel submits that before approaching this Court, petitioner had served a detailed legal notice dated 08.08.2020 (Annexure P-5) to the Director, Rural Development and Panchayat, Punjab, which is still pending consideration with respondent No.

1 and petitioner will be satisfied, at this stage, in case a time bound direction

is issued to respondent No. 1 to decide the same by passing an appropriate speaking order in accordance with law.

Notice of motion.

Mr. T.P.S. Chawla, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, who has also joined the proceedings through video conference, keeping in view the service of advance copy of petition, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State. Learned State counsel submits that respondent No. 1 has no objection in deciding the legal notice dated 08.08.2020 (Annexure P-5) in a time bound manner by passing an appropriate speaking order.

In view of the request made, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioner, respondent No. 1 is directed to decide the legal notice dated 08.08.2020 (Annexure P-5) by passing a speaking order within a period of three months.

Present writ petition stands disposed of.

September 04, 2020
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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