

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

**CWP No. 25108 of 2018 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 16.01.2020**

Bhagat Ram

.....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present:- Mr. Vishal Mittal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. T.P.S. Chawla, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Amit Singh Sethi, Advocate for respondent No.3.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA J.(Oral)

Petitioner claiming himself to have joined service with the Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board on a Class-IV post in the year 2003 has filed the instant writ petition seeking a mandamus directing the respondent authorities to regularize him in service.

In the reply that has been filed on behalf of the respondent Board a categorical stand has been taken that petitioner is not in the employment of the Board and no such employee figures in the list of employees of the Board. Copy of the reply had been furnished to counsel opposite in the month of October 2019.

On the previous date of hearing i.e. 07.11.2019, the matter was adjourned to today and last opportunity was granted to complete pleadings failing which the right to file the same was to stand forfeited.

Counsel for the petitioner has chosen not to place any document/material to rebut the categorical stand taken on behalf of the Board that he is not their employee. No replication to the reply on behalf

of the Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board has been filed ever.

This Court has even perused the pleadings on record.

In the petition apart from making a bald assertion that the petitioner had joined against the Class-IV post on contractual basis in the month of February 2003, no details as regards the specific date of joining, place of joining as also the office/Division of the Board where he has allegedly served till the date of filing of the petition are forthcoming.

In view of the above the claim/prayer raised in the petition cannot be accepted.

Petition dismissed.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

January 16, 2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No