

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

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CWP-4746-2021

Decided on : 01.03.2021

Jagdish Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. & others

... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.S. SANDHAWALIA

Present: Mr.P.K.Goklaney, Advocate, for the petitioner.

G.S. Sandhawalia , J. (Oral)

Prayer in the present writ petition, filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of directions to the respondents for granting the benefit of promotional increments on completion of 23 years of regular service, as per the instructions of the respondent-Department.

Counsel submits that legal notice dated 21.12.2020(Annexure P-8) has been served upon the respondents for the necessary relief and he would be satisfied if time-bound directions are given to the respondents to take a call on the said legal notice.

It is his case that having joined the department as ALM on regular basis on 17.12.1982, he was granted promotion upto the post of JE on 09.04.2010. He retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 29.02.2016. During his entire service career, he had got only two promotions. It is his case that instructions have been issued whereby the respondents have been granting the said benefit on completion of 23 years of service. It is also his case that various directions have been passed in different cases which are enumerated in the legal notice itself.

Accordingly, keeping in view the above, since the decision making is incomplete as the legal notice has only been served in December, 2020, no useful purpose would be served by calling upon the respondents to file reply.

Resultantly, without commenting upon the entitlement of the petitioner for grant of the said benefit, the present writ petition is disposed of, by directing respondent No.2 to decide the legal notice dated 21.12.2020 (Annexure P-8), within a period of 3 months. In case there is any legal impediment, a reasoned order be passed and the same be communicated to the petitioner.

(G.S.SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No