

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

109 - CWP-9103-2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 28.04.2021

Lakhwinder Singh

... Petitioner

VS.

State of Punjab & Ors.

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. GS Bal, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Sewa Singh, Advocate for the petitioner

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video conferencing on account of restrictions due to outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.

Petitioner Lakhwinder Singh has filed the present writ petition *inter alia* with a prayer to direct the respondents to appoint him as PR Chowkidar on compassionate grounds upon demise of his father while in service.

Learned senior counsel submits that the petitioner's father, namely, Tarsem Singh had joined as PR Chowkidar in the Food and Supplies Department on 01.07.1985 and had worked as such till 03.11.2013, when unfortunately he died in harness. The petitioner who is son of late Tarsem Singh is a matriculate and belongs to the Scheduled Caste community. Counsel for the petitioner highlights the fact that the petitioner is jobless and is in dire penury and as such it is very difficult for him to take care of his mother and make both ends meet especially during this COVID pandemic.

For the same/similar grievance, the petitioner is stated to have submitted various representations followed by the legal notice dated 15.01.2021 (P6) but to no effect.

Notice of motion.

On the asking, Ms. Anju Arora, Addl. AG Punjab accepts notice through video conferencing.

At this stage, learned counsel makes a request that the petitioner would be satisfied if a direction is issued to the respondents to decide his legal notice in a time bound frame.

Having heard learned counsel for the parties and without commenting upon the merits of the case, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority to sympathetically consider the mitigating circumstances highlighted by the petitioner and decide the legal notice (P6) by passing a speaking order within 4 months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order and if found eligible, to issue appointment letter within the above stipulated period.

So ordered.

28.04.2021

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1. *Whether speaking/reasoned?*
2. *Whether reportable?*

(Girish Agnihotri)
Judge

Yes/No
Yes/No