

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-14515-2021

Date of decision: 03.08.2021

Amarjit Singh Grewal

....Petitioner

versus

The Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd., The Mall, Patiala and
others

....Respondents

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. J.S. Jaidka, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Naveen S. Bhardwaj, Advocate
for the respondents.

*(the aforesaid presence is being recorded through video conferencing since the
proceedings are being conducted in virtual court on account of restrictions due
to COVID 19)*

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

Petitioner-Amarjit Singh Grewal, stated to be aged 62 years,
has filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for issuance of a writ in
the nature of certiorari for quashing of letters dated 25.05.2021 (Annexure
P-3) and the letter dated 09.06.2021 (Annexure P-4), along with further
relief as mentioned in the petition.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that vide memo
dated 09.06.2021 (Annexure P-4), seven days time was given to the
petitioner to offer his explanation/reply. Learned counsel submits that
petitioner has submitted his explanation in writing on 23.06.2021
(Annexure P-5) but no order has been passed accepting or rejecting the said

reply. He apprehends that recovery proceedings would be initiated by the respondents. Learned counsel further submits that the petitioner would be satisfied in case, directions are given to the respondents to pass an order on the explanation submitted by the petitioner before initiating recovery proceedings.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Naveen S. Bhardwaj, Advocate accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

In view of the peculiar facts as noticed above, the present writ petition is ***disposed of*** with a directions to the respondents/Competent Authority to pass an order on the reply/explanation submitted by the petitioner before initiating recovery proceedings. It will be appreciated if a speaking order is passed as expeditiously as possible from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Ordered accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

03.08.2021

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No