

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

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CWP-14864-2019

Date of decision : 25.07.2022

Jagsir Singh and others

... Petitioners

Versus

Punjab State Electricity Board (now PSPCL) and another

.. Respondents

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Narinder Sharma, Advocate for the petitioners.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioners have challenged the orders dated 24.07.2017 and 29.11.2012 (Annexure P-13 and P-14 respectively). They have also sought further direction to the respondents to consider them for appointments to the posts of Junior Engineers (Electrical) in pursuance to the advertisement issued in the year 1997.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners are entitled to 50% posts which had been advertised in the year 1997 as they had successfully completed apprenticeship. The Supreme Court vide order dated 28.04.2017 (Annexure P-11) had directed the respondents to consider the representations of the petitioners as had been directed by the Coordinate Bench of this Court in CWP No.10147 of 1998. The representations have been considered and declined vide the impugned order.

Heard.

The petitioners are stated to have completed apprenticeship and had applied for the post of Junior Engineer (Electrical) in response to the advertisement issued by the respondents on 26.10.1997 (Annexure P-4).

The petitioners had also preferred CWP No.10147 of 1998 which had been dismissed by holding that merely having successfully completed apprenticeship, they do not have any vested right for appointment. They could apply and compete for the post and some weightage or preference to their specialized training in the interest of efficiency in service could be given to them but they do not have any vested right for appointment with regard to their claim for a separate quota. The respondents were directed to verify the same and in case, there is a prescribed quota for such candidates, they could issue a fresh advertisement to fill those posts.

The judgment of the Coordinate Bench was challenged in LPA No.1583 of 2012 which was dismissed on 08.10.2012. The SLP preferred thereagainst has also been dismissed. The respondents by order dated 24.07.2017 (Annexure P-13) considered the representations of the petitioners and rejected the same by holding that there is no condition in the apprenticeship agreement that they would be entitled to 50% posts so advertised. The petitioners have not been able to point out any rule or instructions whereby 50% of the posts of Junior Engineer (Electrical) have to be filled from the candidates, who had successfully completed apprenticeship.

Consequently, I do not find any merit in this petition which stands dismissed.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

July 25, 2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No