

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(126)

CWP-7733-2022

Date of Decision : April 18, 2022

Gurdev Singh

.. Petitioner

Versus

The Punjab State Power Corporation Limited and others

.. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Harmanpreet Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

Present petition has been filed by the petitioner claiming step up of pay equivalent to his junior namely Nirmal Kumar who, according to him, is junior to him in the cadre of Lineman when, both of them joined initially.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that Nirmal Kumar got promotion on the basis of reservation and as the petitioner had caught him in the higher cadre, keeping in view the settled principle of law in *Ajit Singh Januja and others versus State of Punjab and others, 1996(2) SCC 715*, he was entitled for salary equivalent to that being paid to Nirmal Kumar being senior to him but the said benefit has not been extended to him, which is causing prejudice to him even as of now even after the retirement as he is getting lesser pensionary benefits as compared to his entitlement. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the grievance raised in the present petition has already been raised in

representation dated 20.09.2021 (Annexure P-3) which is still pending consideration with the respondents and the petitioner will be satisfied, at this stage in case a time bound direction is issued to respondent No.3 to decide the said representation by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Harsimranpreet Singh, Advocate, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-PSPCL.

Learned counsel for the respondents raises no objection in deciding the representation dated 20.09.2021 (Annexure P-3) in a time bound manner by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Without commenting upon the merits of the case or about the entitlement of the petitioner for the relief which has been claimed by him in the representation dated 20.09.2021 (Annexure P-3), the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3 to decide the representation dated 20.09.2021 (Annexure P-3) within a period of eight weeks from the receipt of copy of this order.

April 18, 2022

harsha

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned? : Yes

Whether reportable? : No