

119 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.8829 of 2022
Date of Decision : 28.04.2022

Harbhajan Singh

... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Amit Kumar Walia, Advocate
for the petitioner.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that prior to joining the Education Department, Government of Punjab in the year 1998, the petitioner was working as 'Area Supervisor' with the Punjab Land Development and Reclamation Corporation Limited (which is a State Government Enterprise), for the period from 15.04.1985 till 22.12.1998.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the respondents are liable to count the period of service of the petitioner with the corporation, as qualifying service for the purposes of computing his pensionary benefits, keeping in view the provision of Rule 3.17 of the Punjab Civil Services.

Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the said grievance has already been raised by the petitioner in his legal notice dated 04.03.2022 (Annexure P-11) which is still pending consideration with the respondents and the petitioner will be satisfied, at this stage in case a time bound direction is given to the respondents to decide the said legal notice dated 04.03.2022 (Annexure P-11) by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Ms. Kanica Sachdeva, AAG, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

Learned counsel for the respondents raises no objection in deciding the legal notice dated 04.03.2022 (Annexure P-11) 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 his in the legal notice dated 04.03.2022 (Annexure P-11), the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to decide the legal notice dated 04.03.2022 (Annexure P-11) within a period of eight weeks from the receipt of copy of this order.

28.04.2022
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No