

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-13453-2022

DATE OF DECISION: 29.09.2022

CHAM KAUR SINGH

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

**PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED, PATIALA AND
ORS**

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Preetinder Singh Dhaliwal, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sanjeev Majra, Advocate for the respondents.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking a direction to the respondents to select him for the post of Lower Division Clerk.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner had applied for the post of LDC in the Ex-serviceman SC category. The petitioner has obtained 37.042 marks while the last selected candidate in this category has obtained 35 marks. He submits that the petitioner has erroneously not been considered under the Ex-serviceman SC (OT) category although the petitioner belongs to this category. The petitioner had inadvertently filled Ex-serviceman SC/MZB and the confusion had arisen due to the abbreviation. The petitioner is a Ramdasia and would be in the Ex-serviceman SC (OT) category (Others). He has referred to the certificate at Annexure P-6. He also submits that a post in the ESM SC (OT) category is still vacant.

Written statement filed on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 is taken on record. Learned counsel for the respondents, while referring to the

written statement, submits that the petitioner had not filled the SC category correctly in the application form. The petitioner belongs to Ex-servicemen SC (OT) category while in the application form, he had filled Ex-servicemen SC/MZB category.

Heard.

The petitioner has obtained 37.042 marks in the Ex-servicemen SC (OT) category. The last selected candidate in the Ex-servicemen SC (OT) category has obtained 35 marks. It would be in the interest of justice, if this lapse on the part of the petitioner does not come in the way of his getting employment on the basis of merit. The post in Ex-servicemen SC (OT) category is vacant. There is no dispute that the petitioner belongs to Ex-servicemen SC (OT) category and is a meritorious candidate in this category.

Consequently, the petition is allowed. The respondents are directed to offer appointment to the petitioner in the Ex-servicemen SC (OT) category in terms of his merit.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

29.09.2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No