

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

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CWP No.18625 of 2021

Date of decision : 22.09.2022

Gurdev Singh

....Petitioner

V/s

The Punjab State Power Corporation Limited and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

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

Mr. Sehaj Bir Singh, Advocate for the respondents.

VIKAS SURI, J. (Oral)

Learned counsel submits that the petitioner seeks benefit of Advance Promotional Increment granted on completion of 23 years of service, as was the subject matter of the decision dated 22.09.2016 in LPA No.997 of 2016, titled ***Punjab State Power Corporation Limited, Patiala through its Secretary and others vs. Nirmala Rani***, and 120 other connected cases.

Learned counsel would submit that in similar circumstances and even in those cases where the Department on re-consideration had declined to extend the benefit by passing orders, a co-ordinate bench in CWP No.27130 of 2019 titled ***Shavinder Singh vs. Punjab State Power Corporation Limited and others*** and other connected cases, disposed of on 31.05.2022, on the assurance extended by the Corporation passed the following directions:-

“The present writ petitions are hereby disposed of with the direction to the respondents-Corporation that in case, any of the petitioners, raise any grievance, within the time limit specified hereinbefore, with regard to the

declining of their claim by the authorities concerned by pointing out certain factual aspect of bringing to the notice of the authorities that they are eligible for the grant of the benefit of promotional increment after 23 years of service, the Corporation, as undertaken, will pass appropriate orders on their representation within a period of three months from the receipt of the same and in case, after passing of the order, the petitioners are found entitled for any benefit, the same be also released to them within a period of four weeks thereafter.

The present petitions are disposed of in above terms.”

Learned counsel would urge that being similarly situated, the petitioner deserves to be treated equally.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Sehaj Bir Singh, Advocate, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and waives service. Learned counsel for the respondents raises no objection to the case of the petitioner being considered in a time bound manner. He submits that in view of the assurance extended by the Corporation as noticed above, the case of the petitioner will also be re-examined in same terms as in order dated 31.05.2022, noticed above.

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

Without going into the merits of the case or the contentions raised in the petition, the present petition is disposed of in terms of order dated 31.05.2022 passed in CWP No.27130 of 2019.

(VIKAS SURI)
JUDGE

September 22, 2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No