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

CWP-17327-2022

Date of Decision: 08.08.2022

Mool Chand

..... Petitioner

Versus

Uttar Haryana Bijli Nigam Limited and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Naveen Daryal, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that the petitioner is senior to one Chander Bhan, who was given promotion on the ground of reservation by the respondent-Department, but as the petitioner had caught the said Chander Bhan in the promotion cadre of reserved category employees, therefore, the petitioner regained seniority over his junior, namely Sh. Chander Bhan, so as to be entitled for the grant of step-up in pay, equivalent to said Chander Bhan.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that despite the fact that the petitioner is entitled for the grant of said benefit of step-up in pay equivalent to Sh. Chander Bhan, he has not been extended the said benefit by the respondent-Department.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the same grievance has also been raised by the petitioner before respondents No.1 to 3 by serving upon them legal notice dated 09.03.2022 (Annexure P-5),

which is still pending consideration with the authorities concerned and the

petitioner will be satisfied at this stage, in case a time bound direction is given to respondent No.2 to decide the legal notice dated 09.03.2022, by passing an appropriate speaking order.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of this case and without going into merits of the claim as raised by the petitioner in the present case as well as in the legal notice dated 09.03.2022 (Annexure P-5), this petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent No.2 to pass an appropriate speaking order on the legal notice dated 09.03.2022 (Annexure P-5), filed by the petitioner, within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of the copy of this order.

08.08.2022*Apurva***(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
2. Whether reportable : Yes/No