

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

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CWP No.19119 of 2022

Date of decision : 01.09.2022

Surinder Singh

...Petitioner

V/s

The Punjab State Power Corporation Limited Ltd.
and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

Present: Mr. J.S. Jaidka,, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Shrey Goel, Advocate for the respondents.

VIKAS SURI, J. (Oral)

Prayer in this writ petition is for issuance of directions to the respondents to step up the pay and pension of the petitioner (general category employee) w.e.f. 18.02.2009 i.e. the date of catching up. Petitioner is stated to have caught up at par with his junior colleague, who had incidentally gained promotions prior in time by virtue of being an employee from the reserved category.

It is submitted that petitioner being senior, deserves stepping up of pay at par with his junior, namely, Sukhdev Singh, who got promotions prior in time on account of being from the reserved category. Representation dated 20.12.2021 (Annexure P-4), is stated to have been served upon the respondents, but to no avail.

At this stage, learned counsel for the petitioner restricts his prayer for a decision on merits on the representation dated 20.12.2021 (Annexure P-4), in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion to that limited extent.

Mr. Shrey Goel, Advocate, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents. Advance copy of the writ petition stands served. Learned counsel for the respondents does not raise any objection to the restricted prayer made, seeking a decision on merits, in a time bound manner.

Keeping in view the limited prayer made, the peculiar facts and circumstances of the case and without going into the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioner in the present petition or in the representation, the competent authority is directed to look into the grievance raised in the legal notice dated 20.12.2022 (Annexure P-4) and take a decision thereon in accordance with law, by passing a speaking order within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Needless to observe that in case, after the decision, petitioner is found entitled for any benefits, the same be also extended to him within a period of six weeks thereafter, as per law.

The petition stands disposed of in the above terms.

(VIKAS SURI)
JUDGE

September 01, 2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No