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

CWP-27501-2022

Date of Decision: 01.12.2022

SAMIKSH BHALLA

.... Petitioner

Versus

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LTD AND ORS

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Nikhil Anand, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

JAISHREE THAKUR.J (Oral)

This is a petition that has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus, directing the respondents to grant seniority to the petitioner on the basis of his merit obtained in the written examination conducted for the post of Junior Engineer/Civil under Advertisement No.CRA-294/19 and further to count the period from 18.02.2021 i.e. the date when the batchmates of the petitioner had joined as Junior Engineer/Civil to 20.07.2022 in the probation period of the petitioner.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner would contend that the petitioner has already ventilated his grievance vide legal notice dated 01.09.2022 (Annexure P-10) issued to respondent No.1 but no action has been taken thereon till date. It is submitted that at this stage, the petitioner would be satisfied if the legal notice dated 01.09.2022 (Annexure P-10) is considered and decided by respondent No.1 in a stipulated period.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Prashant Manchanda, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and would submit that the respondents would look into the legal notice submitted by the petitioner and pass a speaking order thereon.

Without going into the merits of the case and keeping in view the limited request made, I dispose of the instant petition by directing respondent No.1 to take a decision on the legal notice dated 01.09.2022 (Annexure P-10) of the petitioner within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order, in accordance with law, by passing a speaking order, which shall be communicated to the petitioner forthwith. In case of failure to do so, the officer responsible for the lapse shall be liable to payment of costs of Rs.20,000/- from his own pocket, payable in favour of Punjab and Haryana High Court Advocates Welfare Fund.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

01.12.2022

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No