

IN THE PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT AT
CHANDIGARH

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CWP-1115-2022

Date of Decision: 08.08.2023.

MEENAKSHI GUPTA

....PETITIONER

VS

PUNJAB STATE POWER CORPORATION LIMITED AND ORS

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ.

Present: Mr. A.P. Kaushal, Advocate for
Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. A.S. Chadha, Advocate
for the respondents No. 1, 3 and 5

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

The instant petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for quashing the impugned order dated 22.09.2021 (Annexure P-4) whereby appeal filed by the petitioner under Section 127 of Electricity Act against the final order of assessment dated 03.08.2021 (Annexure P-3) has been dismissed on the ground of delay.

Counsel for the petitioner places reliance on the order dated 28.07.2021 passed by this Court in CWP-13795-2021 titled as *Gurinderpal Singh Vs. Punjab State Power Corporation Limited and others* wherein a similar controversy had arisen. The appeal in the said case had been dismissed on account of delay of less than a week. Therefore, this Court while putting reliance on the aforesaid order, set aside the order passed by the appellate authority with a directions to decide the appeal on merits.

The delay in present case is of 18 days. The similar identical controversy has already been decided by this Court vide order dated 28.07.2021 in Gurinderpal Singh’s case.

The present writ petition is accordingly disposed of in terms of the order dated 28.7.2021 passed in CWP-13795-2021 titled as ***Gurinderpal Singh Vs. Punjab State Power Corporation Limited and others.*** The parties shall appear before the Appellate Authority on 28.08.2023 whereafter the Appellate Authority shall decide the appeal on merits after affording an opportunity of hearing.

08.08.2023	(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
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Whether speaking/reasoned	: Yes/No
Whether reportable	: Yes/No