

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

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CWP-2107-1996

Date of decision: 25.01.2023

NARINDER NATH CHOPRA

..Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB & ORS

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Arjun Pratap Atma Ram, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Gurpreet Singh, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J(Oral)

This writ petition was filed in the year 1996. The petitioner prays for considering the period spent by the petitioner as Junior Engineer (Electrical) for promotion as Sub-Divisional Engineer (Civil). The learned counsel representing the petitioner upon realizing that the petitioner has already on attaining the age of superannuation has retired in the year 2006, submits that he has instructions not to press this petition provided the respondents count the entire period of regular service of the petitioner starting from the year 1972 towards the grant of pensionary benefits. The learned counsel representing the State of Punjab has submitted that the petitioner has not sought this relief.

It may be noted here that the petitioner was appointed in regular service as Junior Engineer (Electrical) in the year 1972. He passed Part-A of AMIE (Civil) in the year 1973, whereas, he passed Part-B of AMIE (civil) in the year 1978. Thereafter, he was transferred as Junior Engineer (Electrical) on 02.03.1982. Subsequently, as noticed, the petitioner's claim for counting the period spent by him as Junior Engineer (Electrical) for the purpose of promotion as Sub-Divisional Engineer (Civil) was not accepted.

Keeping in view the facts of the case, the writ petition is disposed of by directing the respondent to consider the petitioner's claim for pensionary benefits within a period of one month from today after granting an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner, if not already decided.

All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, are also disposed of.

January 25th, 2023
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No