

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

**CWP No.7878 of 2023 (O&M)
Date of decision : 18.04.2023**

Sudhir Kant Bansal, AEE (Retd.)

..... Petitioner

versus

Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. & ors.

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN

Present :- Mr. Namit Gautam, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. J.S.Bhatti, Advocate
for the respondents.

PANKAJ JAIN, J. (ORAL)

Present writ petition has been filed by the petitioner impugning the order dated 27.08.2021 (Annexure P-13) whereby the claim of the petitioner seeking removal of pay anomaly by stepping up the pay after he has caught up with his junior in the promotional cadre who belongs to reserved category has been declined merely for the reason that the same was not claimed before the cut off date as provided under Finance Circular No.18/2019 (Annexure P-4).

On advance notice, Mr. J.S.Bhatti, Advocate appears and accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-PSPCL and submits that though the petitioner has filed application beyond the prescribed period yet the pay anomaly having its genesis under Article 14 of the Constitution of India and constituting recurring cause of action ought not have been rejected merely on account of delay. He submits that the claim of the petitioner will be re-adjudicated in accordance with law within a period of 8 weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

However, in case the competent authority is of the opinion that the claim of the petitioner *sans* merit, the same be adjudicated by passing a speaking order in accordance with law after affording opportunity of hearing to the petitioner within the time period stipulated hereinabove.

Petition stands disposed off.

(PANKAJ JAIN)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether Reportable :	No