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

CWP-18871-2018

Date of decision : 14.03.2023

Avtar Singh and others

....Petitioners

Versus

Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN

Present: Mr. Rajinder Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Dr. Malvika Singh, Advocate
for the respondents.

PANKAJ JAIN, J. (ORAL)

Petitioners herein pray that the services rendered by them as work charge prior to their regularization as Assistant lineman, be taken as a qualifying service for the purpose of pensionary benefits and further that the amount of EPF prior to regularization be transferred to his GPF account.

Reliance is being placed upon order passed by Coordinate Bench in '*CWP-19491-2017*' titled as *Baljeet Singh and others Vs. Punjab State Power Corporation Limited and others*' decided vide order dated 21.01.2021, whereby relying upon '*Harbans Lal Vs. State of Punjab and others*', the respondents were directed to decide the claim of the petitioners in light of the ratio of law laid down in *Harbans Lal's* case (supra).

Counsel representing the respondent-Corporation submits that the claim of the petitioners is under active consideration and shall be decided in accordance with law within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the present writ petition is disposed of with directions to the respondents to decide the representation dated 30.12.2017 (Annexure P-7) to within a period of six weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

In case, the case of the petitioners is found to be covered by the ratio of law laid down in *Harbans Lal's* case, the necessary relief be granted to the petitioners within eight weeks thereafter. In case the respondent-Corporation finds that the claim of the petitioners does not merit acceptance, the same shall be decided by passing speaking order after according sufficient opportunity of hearing to the petitioners.

Ordered accordingly.

14.03.2023

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(PANKAJ JAIN)
JUDGE

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