

124 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-16286-2023
Date of decision: 31.07.2023

Jasbeer Singh and othersPetitioners

V/s

Punjab State Power Corporation and others
..Respondents

CORAM: HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK MANCHANDA

Present: Mr. Premjit S.Hundal, Advocate
for the petitioners.

DEEPAK MANCHANDA J. (ORAL)

The instant petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of certiorari quashing the impugned Advertisement No.CRA-300/23 dated 03.07.2023 (Annexure P-9) vide which the respondent-Corporation *inter alia* has sought to fill up 14 posts of Assistant Engineer/OT (Civil) by way of direct recruitment based on Gate-2023 score which virtually falls within the promotional quota of 50% of the total cadre strength of the post of Assistant Engineers (Civil) as prescribed under statutory Regulations called, “Punjab State Electricity Board Engineer Services (Civil), Recruitment Regulations, 1965” whereas the quota of direct recruitment is already stands fulfilled up to the year 2025.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioners have submitted various representations to consider the claim of the petitioners/JEs/Civil for promotions as Assistant Engineer (Civil) in accordance

with the promotional quota of 50% of the total cadre strength of the post of

Assistant Engineers (Civil) prescribed under the statutory Regulations called, ***“Punjab State Electricity Board Engineer Services (Civil), Recruitment Regulations, 1965”***. Learned counsel further submits that petitioners have submitted legal demand notice dated 10.02.2023 (Annexure P-8) to the respondents, which has not been taken into consideration till date and respondents during the pendency of the legal notice dated 10.02.2023 (Annexure P-8) have initiated the selection process of filling up 14 posts of Assistant Engineers/OT (Civil) by way of recruitment in pursuance to the impugned Advertisement No.CRA-300/23 dated 03.07.2023 (Annexure P-9). Learned counsel again submits that he would be satisfied if necessary directions are given for deciding the above said legal demand notice before 7th August, 2023 as the date of advertisement has been extended till then.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Japsahej Singh, Advocate for Mr. Aman Pal, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of the respondents-PSPCL, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondents-PSPCL and does not object to the prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners.

In view of the pleadings in the present petition, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioners in the legal notice dated 10.02.2023 (Annexure P-8), respondents are directed to decide the legal notice, by passing a speaking order in accordance with law before 07.08.2023.

The petition stands disposed of.

(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)
JUDGE

31.07.2023
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