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

**CWP-24376-2017 (O&M)
Date of decision : 13.03.2023**

Hitesh Gupta

....Petitioner

Versus

Punjab State Power Corporation Ltd. and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN

Present: Mr. Tejinder Pal Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sehajbir Singh, Advocate for
Mr. Navdeep Chhabra, Advocate
for the respondents.

PANKAJ JAIN, J. (ORAL)

Prayer is for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to give employment to the petitioner on compassionate ground owing to demise of his father on 10.08.2008.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that earlier the claim of the petitioner was treated under solatium policy, however, now the corporation vide letter No.11/79/2021-PE5/3676 dated 27.10.2022, has taken up fresh policy decision which provides for compassionate appointment. In view of the ratio, pursuant to such scheme, a public notice was issued as per which the applicants who wish to avail the benefit of compassionate appointment under the fresh scheme and where the employee died before 16.04.2010, were granted an opportunity to

avail the benefit under fresh scheme by applying within 30 days.

Mr. Sehajbir Singh, Advocate appearing for Mr. Navdeep Chhabra, counsel representing the Corporation does not dispute the aforesaid fact.

Having heard counsel for the parties and after perusing public notice dated 06.12.2022 which reads as under:-

Public Notice

'It is hereby notified that the Govt. of Punjab, Department of Power (Energy Branch) vide their letter No. 11/79/2021-PE5/3676 dated 27.10.22 has issued a scheme (available at www.pspcl.in) to provide compassionate appointment in lieu of solatium and special pension to the dependents of the deceased PSEB (now PSPCL) employees who had expired before 16.4.2010 and were covered under solatium policy. The applicants who wish to avail the benefit of compassionate under this scheme can submit their appointment application/option at **<https://pspcl.in>>Option for Compassionate Appointment** within 30 days from the date 07.12.2022.

Dated: 06.12.2022

Sd/-
Dy. Secy./ENG-2,
PSPCL, Patiala'

this Court is of the considered opinion that in view of the policy decision taken by the Corporation itself, claim of the petitioner needs to be considered and decided. The petitioner has not applied yet pursuant to

public notice dated 06.12.2022. Let the petitioner do the needful and on his doing so, his claim shall be processed in terms of fresh decision in terms of aforesaid public notice within a further period of four weeks.

Present writ petition stands disposed of, accordingly.

13.03.2023
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(PANKAJ JAIN)
JUDGE

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