

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

(235)

**LPA-302-2018 (O&M)
Decided on : 14.03.2023**

Sher Singh

.....Appellant

Versus

Sant Harchand Singh Longowal Central Institute of Engineering &
Technology, Longowal, District Sangrur (Punjab) & another

.....Respondent(s)

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.S. SANDHAWALIA
HON'BLE MS.JUSTICE HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN**

Present: None for the appellant.

Mr.Vivek Singla, Advocate, for respondent No.1.

G.S. Sandhawalia, J. (Oral)

The present appeal arises out of the modification done by the learned Single Judge in CWP-5839-2004 titled *Sant Harchand Singh Longowal Central Institute of Engineering & Technology Vs. Presiding Officer & another*, on 06.11.2017 whereby instead of reinstatement without back-wages, the workman was given compensation of Rs.2 lakhs to be paid within a period of 2 months from the date of the order failing which the said amount was to carry interest @ 6% per annum w.e.f. 01.10.2003 i.e. the date of passing of the award. The learned Single Judge has relied upon the judgment passed by the Apex Court in **BSNL Vs. Bhurumal, (2014) 7 SCC 177**, keeping in view the fact that the employment was only for 1 ½ years.

Mr.Singla has informed us that the workman has also received the said amount.

Accordingly, in our considered opinion, the order of the learned Single Judge does not suffer from any infirmity, keeping in view the fact that the appointment was on ad hoc basis and was on 89 days basis which was extended from time to time from 10.10.1994 to 27.04.1996 as per the chart reproduced in the writ petition filed by the Management-Institute. Thus, we are of the considered opinion that keeping in view the short period of service and the fact that the employment was on contractual basis and specific ground of the Management was that on account of the fact that he had not reported for duty at Longowal since initially he was working at Chandigarh wherein the office of the Institute was situated, no case is made out to interfere with the well reasoned order passed by the learned Single Judge.

Accordingly, in view of the above discussion, the present appeal is dismissed.

(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE

(HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	
Whether Reportable :		No