

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

Date of Decision : 23-07-2024

.....Petitioner

STATE OF PUNJAB ETC.

.....Respondent(s)

Present: Mr. Vikas Chatrath, Advocate with
Mr. Sachit Katoch, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Arun Gupta, DAG Punjab.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J. (Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the question of law raised in the present petition has already been decided by the Coordinate Bench of this Court in Civil Writ Petition No. 16451 of 1996 titled ***“Ashok Kumar Sharma Vs. State of Punjab and ors.”*** decided on 07.08.1997. Hence, the present petition be also disposed of in the same terms.

Learned counsel for the respondent has not able to dispute any differentiating fact in the case of the petitioner as compared to the facts in ***Ashok Kumar Sharma's case (supra)***. It is a conceded fact that the petitioner was in appointment on ad hoc basis in the year 1976 and the clarifications were acquired prior to February, 1997.

Keeping in view of the above, the present petition is also disposed in the same terms of *Ashok Kumar Sharma's case (supra)*. The arrears will only be permissible to the petitioner restricted to 3 years to 2 months prior to passing of the order.

Let the order be complied with within a period of 3 months from the receipt of certified copy of this order.

Ordered accordingly.

Pending application, if any, also stand disposed off.

23-07-2024
Sapna Goyal

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

NOTE: Whether speaking: YES/NO
Whether reportable: YES/NO