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

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Date of Decision: 01.07.2024

Karan Singh and others

..... Petitioners

Versus

Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam and another

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Anurag Goyal, Advocate
for the petitioners.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (ORAL)

1. The present writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the respondents to grant the benefit of Old Pension Scheme to the petitioners in pursuance of the office memorandum issued by Government of Haryana, Department of Finance dated 08.05.2023 (Annexure P-17) being adopted by the respondent-Nigam vide letter dated 21.07.2023 (Annexure P-18) followed by letter issued to all the Executive Engineers dated 11.08.2023 (Annexure P-19) culminating into the submission of options by all the petitioners (Annexure P-20) so as to regulate them under the Old Pension Scheme with all other consequential benefits along with opening of GPF account and other consequential steps which are required to be taken by applying the Old Pension Scheme to all the petitioners.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the petitioners were selected as Assistant Lineman in DHBVN in the year 2007



against the advertisement No.8/2006 (Annexure P-1) which was actually a re-advertisement of advertisement No.8/2004. The grievance of the petitioners is that they were appointed against advertisement No.8/2004 however, they have not been granted the benefit of Old Pension Scheme in pursuance of the office Memorandum dated 08.05.2023 (Annexure P-17) issued by Government of Haryana, Department of Finance being adopted by the respondent-Nigam vide letter dated 21.07.2023 (Annexure P-18). Aggrieved by the action of the respondents, the petitioners filed their representation on 01.08.2023, however, no action has been taken till date. He submitted that at this stage, the petitioners will be satisfied in case their representation dated 01.08.2023 (Annexure P-21) is directed to be decided by passing of a speaking order in accordance with law and in a time bound manner.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On the asking of the Court, Ms. Rajni Gupta, Additional Advocate General, Haryana, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and stated that she has no objection, in case, a direction is issued to the respondents for considering and deciding the representation filed by the petitioners vide Annexure P-21 in accordance with law and within a time framework.

5. In view of the aforesaid position, without calling for any reply from the respondents and without observing anything on the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to consider and decide the representation filed by the petitioners vide Annexure



P-21 dated 01.08.2023 strictly in accordance with law by passing a well-reasoned speaking order within a period of three months from today.

01.07.2024

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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)

JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No
2. Whether reportable:

Yes/No