



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

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CWP-7417-2026.

Date of Decision: 12.03.2026.

Pawan Kumar

....Petitioner.

VERSUS

Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam and others

....Respondents.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. A.K. Viridi, Advocate for the petitioner.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (Oral)

1. Prayer in this petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents to grant pay to the petitioner preferably at par with respondent No.5 or alternatively with respondent No.6 whose names were placed in the seniority at Sr. No.12 and 25 respectively, whereas the name of the petitioner was placed in the seniority at Sr. No.8 of the merit list of 35 selected candidates as Divisional Accountants (Annexure P-1) being recurring cause of action which arises every month where less meritorious are getting more salary as is evident from salary slips (Annexures P-2, P-3 and P-4) and the fact that petitioner as well as respondents No.5 to 7 are working as Senior Accounts Officers in DHBVN. Further, the petitioner has sought setting aside or seniority list of Accounts Officers dated 11.01.2024 (Annexure P-5) and issuance of writ of mandamus for grant of apropos seniority above the respondents with consequential benefits.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he would be satisfied if the legal notice dated 02.01.2026 (Annexure P-6) of the petitioner is decided by respondent No.1 by passing a speaking order in a time bound manner.

3. Mr. Divyansh Shukla, Advocate for Mr. Sukhdeep Singh Parmar, Advocate for respondents No.1 to 4, appearing on advanced notice, submits that he has no objection in case a direction is issued to respondent No.1 for time-bound consideration and decision of the legal notice dated 02.01.2026 (Annexure P-6) of the petitioner by passing a speaking order.

4. Therefore, in view of the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner, respondent No.1 is directed to consider the legal notice dated 02.01.2026 (Annexure P-6) of the petitioner and pass a speaking order, after affording him an opportunity to be heard, within a period of 03 months from the date of receiving a certified copy of this order. Further, the decision taken thereof shall be conveyed to the petitioner. Needless to say, if the petitioner is found entitled to the relief sought, the same shall be granted forthwith by the respondents.

5. Disposed of, accordingly.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

12.03.2026

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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/ No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/ No