



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

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CWP-11863-2026

Date of decision: 21.04.2026

Prem Singh and others

....Petitioners

Versus

Punjab State Power Corporation Limited and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Amrik Singh, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Manan Bhardwaj, Advocate
for the respondents.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR J. (Oral)

1. Prayer in this writ petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, is for issuance of a writ in the nature of *certiorari*, for quashing the orders dated 23.02.2018 (Annexure P-4) and 07.10.2020 (Annexure P-5) vide which the amount of Rs.2,28,477/- and Rs.1,56,607/- has been deducted from the gratuity of petitioners No.2 and 11. Further a writ of *mandamus* has been sought, directing the respondents to grant the due increment to the petitioners on account of their promotion as Junior Engineer in the year 2001, 2002 and 2011 and to refund the recovered amount of petitioners No.2 and 11 and also to pay the arrears to the petitioners along with interest @ 18% per annum to the petitioners from the date of accrual till the actual realization of the same.

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2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that he would be satisfied if the legal notice dated 21.02.2026 (Annexure P-8) of the petitioners is decided by respondents No.2 and 3 by passing a speaking order in a time bound manner.
3. Learned counsel for the respondents, appearing on advance notice, submits that he has no objection, in case a direction is issued to respondents No.2 and 3 for time-bound consideration and decision of the legal notice dated 21.02.2026 (Annexure P-8) of the petitioners by passing a speaking order.
4. Therefore, in view of the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners, the respondents No.2 and 3 are directed to consider the legal notice dated 21.02.2026 (Annexure P-8) of the petitioners and pass a speaking order, after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioners, 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 petitioners. Needless to say, if the petitioners are found entitled to the relief sought, the same shall be granted forthwith by respondents No.2 and 3.
5. Disposed of, accordingly.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No