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222 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision: 16.04.2026

BHARAT SANCHAR NIGAM LTD AND ANR.

...Petitioners

VERSUS

CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL AND
OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR

Present: Ms. Puneeta Sethi, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Satvinder Singh, Advocate
for respondent No.3.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J. (Oral)

1. In the present petition, the challenge is to the order dated 31.07.2017 (Annexure P-1) passed by the Central Administrative Tribunal, whereby the original application filed by the respondent, challenging the validity of the Departmental Promotion Committee for promotion held on 21.10.2016 to the post of Sub- Divisional Engineer was set aside on the ground that the same was done without following the catch-up rule and by wrongly giving the benefit of reservation in promotion to the respondent. The direction given by the Tribunal in the order impugned was to strictly follow the catch-up rule while promoting the officer to the next higher post.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the respondent No.3 has already taken the VRS (Voluntary Retirement



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Scheme) and is not in service as of now and has retired after availing the benefit of promotion.

3. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent No.3 does not dispute the said proposition.

4. Keeping in view the above, by keeping the question of law open, no further orders are required to be passed as, respondent No.3 is no longer in service.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

(YASHVIR SINGH RATHOR)
JUDGE

16.04.2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No