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AT CHANDIGARH**

CWP-14864-2026

Date of decision: 13.05.2026

Rohit Choudhary and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Supinder Singh Sohi, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Ms. Pratibha Bali, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Shivang Berry, Advocate
for the respondent-PSPCL.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. The present civil writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the respondents to fix the pay of the petitioners in terms of the Punjab State Electricity Board Technical Services Class-III Regulations, 1996 (Annexure P-1) read with the Punjab State Electricity Board (Revised Pay) Regulations, 2009 (Annexure P-2) with further revisions at par with ALMs recruited prior to 17.07.2020 and to release all consequential benefits including arrears with interest. Further, for issuance of a writ in the nature of *certiorari* for quashing letter dated 17.07.2020 (Annexure P-6/1), finance circular dated 28.07.2020 (Annexure P-6/2), advertisement dated 15.07.2022 (Annexure P-7), appointments letter dated 03.05.2023 (Annexure P-8), finance



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circular dated 17.08.2022 (Annexure P-9/1) to the extent the said circulars impose lower pay scale on the petitioners in violation of Article 14 of the Constitution of India.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners *inter alia* contends that the amendment carried out in the 1996 Regulations cannot be applied retrospectively. The right to salary under the statutory rules stands crystallized upon the appointment of the petitioners prior to the amendment and case of the petitioners is squarely covered by the judgments rendered by this Court in CWP No.15896 of 2023 titled as ***Saurabh Sharma and others Vs. State of Punjab and another*** and connected matters decided on 13.09.2024 (Annexure P-10) and CWP No.29326 of 2025 titled as ***Rupinder Kumar and others Vs. State of Punjab and others*** and connected matters decided on 10.02.2026 (Annexure P-13). The petitioners have served a legal notice dated 22.02.2026 (Annexure P-14) but no relief has been granted.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that he would be satisfied if the legal notice (Annexure P-14) of the petitioners is decided by respondent No.3 by passing a speaking order in a time bound manner.

4. Learned State counsel as well as counsel appearing for the respondent-Corporation submit that they have no objection in case a direction is issued to respondent No.3 for time-bound consideration and decision of the legal notice of the petitioners by passing a speaking order.

5. Therefore, in view of the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners, respondent No.3 is directed to consider the legal notice (Annexure P-14) of the petitioners in light of the judgments rendered by this



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Court in CWP No.15896 of 2023 titled as ***Saurabh Sharma and others Vs. State of Punjab and another*** and connected matters decided on 13.09.2024 (Annexure P-10) and CWP No.29326 of 2025 titled as ***Rupinder Kumar and others Vs. State of Punjab and others*** and connected matters decided on 10.02.2026 (Annexure P-13) and pass a speaking order, after affording them 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 petitioners. Needless to say, if the petitioners are found entitled to the relief sought, the same shall be granted forthwith by respondent No.3.

6. Disposed of, accordingly.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

13.05.2026*Neha*

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No