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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(102+242)

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Date of Decision : July 07, 2026

Haryana Vidyut Prasaran Nigam Limited

.. Appellant

Versus

Kanwaljeet Singh and others

.. Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMARINDER SINGH GREWAL**

Present: Mr. P.S. Poonia, Senior Advocate, with
Mr. Pulkit Dhanda, Advocate and
Mr. Dharampal Saini, Advocate, for the appellant.

Mr. R.K. Malik, Senior Advocate, with
Mr. Varun Veer Chauhan, Advocate, for the respondents.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

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Present application has been filed for placing on record
Synopsis and list of dates and events on behalf of the appellant.

As prayed for, the application is allowed.

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1. In the present appeal, the challenge is to the order dated
15.11.2013 passed by the learned Single Judge in CWP No.6264 of 1994
whereby, the appellant has been directed to consider the preferential claim
of the petitioners (respondents herein) for appointment to the post of Meter



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Readers with effect from the date on which their other batchmates were appointed.

2. Learned Senior Counsel appearing on behalf of the respective parties submits that a dispute has arisen with regard to the actual marks secured by the respondents as to whether they have the marks equivalent to the last selected candidate in the category in which they have competed for so as to claim appointment on the basis of their age seniority.

3. The learned Single Judge had given direction that as the respondents herein are elder in age in case of tie, they should be given appointment whereas, the appellant-Nigam had filed a review before the learned Single Judge that though, while proceeding in the writ petition, the marks secured as mentioned by the petitioners was not disputed but when the record was seen, the marks secured by the respondents herein were not the same as being alleged to be equivalent to the last selected candidate in the category in which they had competed for.

4. Learned Senior Counsel for the appellant submits that the original record was produced before the learned Single Judge but the learned Single Judge refused to look into the same and dismissed the review application based upon the averments made in the pleadings in the writ petition.

5. Learned Senior Counsel for the parties agree that as regard to the averments of the petitioner that he had secured the cut off marks for appointment equivalent to the marks secured by the candidates who has been selected, which is being disputed by the appellant-Nigam, let the



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Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Department of Power, Government of Haryana under whom the Nigam comes, should look into the said fact on the basis of actual record of the selection and decide whether, the marks secured by the respondents were the same as being alleged by them and were equivalent to the last selected candidate in the category in which they were competing so as to claim appointment because of their age seniority.

6. We have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record with their able assistance.

7. As the parties have agreed between themselves for referring of the matter to the Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Department of Power, Government of Haryana, let the said authority, on the basis of the record of selection process to be produced by the Nigam, assess the assertions of the respondents that they had the marks equivalent to the last selected candidate in the category in which they were competing and they were elder in age to such candidate so as to seek appointment as directed by the learned Single Judge.

8. In case, the assertion of the respondents is found to be true, then, appropriate direction will be issued to the appellant-Nigam to comply with the order passed by the learned Single Judge. But in case, it is found that the assertion that they had secured the marks equivalent to the last selected candidate in the category in which they were competing is incorrect and it is found that their actual marks are lesser as being alleged by them or, there was any interpolation on the marks of the respondents, appropriate order will be passed and in case such finding is given by the Additional



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Chief Secretary (ACS), Department of Power, Government of Haryana, the respondents will not be entitled for any benefit of the writ petition as agreed between the parties before this Court.

9. Let the said exercise be completed within a period of three months from the date of receipt of copy of this order. It is made clear that the respondents will also be given hearing before passing such order as agreed between the parties by the Court.

10. The present appeal is disposed of in above terms.

11. Civil miscellaneous application pending if any, also stands disposed of.

**(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE**

July 07, 2026
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**(AMARINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes
Whether reportable : No