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## HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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119 - CWP-7976-2021 (O&M) Date of Decision: 08.04.2021

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Bhangi Ram

... Petitioner

VS.

UHBVNL & Anr.

... Respondents

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

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Present:

Mrs. Gurpreet Kaur Sudan, Advocate for the petitioner

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GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video conferencing on account of restrictions due to outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.

Petitioner Bhangi Ram has filed the present writ petition *inter alia* with a prayer to direct the respondents to count the work-charged service rendered by him w.e.f. 03.12.1981 to 05.05.1993 towards 'qualifying service' for the purpose of pensionary benefits in terms of *Kesar Chand vs. State of Haryana 1988(5) SLR 25*.

Learned counsel submits that the petitioner's work-charged service w.e.f. 03.12.1981 to 05.05.1993 has not been counted towards pensionary benefits.

In this regard, learned counsel submits that for the same/similar grievance, the petitioner has submitted a legal notice dated 28.01.2021 (P3).

Notice of motion.

On the asking, Mr. Hitesh Pandit, Advocate accepts notice through video conferencing.

At this stage, learned counsel makes a request that the petitioner would be satisfied if a direction is issued to the competent authority to decide the legal notice in a time bound manner.

Having heard learned counsel for the parties and without commenting upon the merits of the case, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the competent authority to consider and decide the claim of the petitioner as contained in the legal notice (P3) by passing a speaking order within <u>3 months</u> from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

So ordered.

08.04.2021

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 $1.\ Whether\ speaking/reasoned?$ 

 $2.\ Whether\ reportable?$ 

(Girish Agnihotri) Judge

Yes/No Yes/No