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

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**CWP-2967-2024 (O&M).
Date of Decision: 12.05.2025.**

SURINDER SINGH SANGWAN

... Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND ANOTHER

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ.

Present: Mr. Sunil Kumar Nehra, Advocate, with
Mr. Viren Nehra, Advocate,
Mr. Rahil Mahajan, Advocate,
Mr. Arjun Dosanj, Advocate, and
Mr. Akash Gahlawat, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Dimple Jain, DAG, Haryana.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

Seeking directions to the respondent Department to promote the petitioner as Chief Engineer w.e.f. 17.12.2020 and as Engineer-in-Chief w.e.f. 26.10.2022 i.e. the date when immediate junior of the petitioner namely Mahesh Kumar Madaan was promoted to the post of Chief Engineer and Engineer-in-chief respectively, the instant writ petition has been filed.

2 Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner contends that benefit of promotion was being denied to the petitioner on the ground that he

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had actually not discharged the functions as Superintending Engineer and thus would not be considered as having acquired the requisite experience.

3 Learned counsel contends that the respondent State had already obtained opinion from the office of Chief Secretary with respect to the post of Chief Engineer and vide advise dated 13.8.2024, the office of Chief Secretary to the Government of Haryana asked the respondent-Department to consider the experience of the petitioner herein w.e.f. 11.01.2018 for promotion as his junior had already been promoted on 11.01.2018. He contends that consequent upon the said advise, the petitioner has been ordered to be promoted as Chief Engineer vide order dated 13.10.2024 w.e.f. 17.12.2020 notionally. He contends that, at this juncture, he would be satisfied in case the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to take a further decision on the claim of the petitioner for being promoted to the post of Engineer-in-Chief (EIC) in a time bound manner after noticing the subsequent developments as well as the advisory along with the issue of the other consequential benefits.

4 Accordingly, without commenting upon the merits of the case, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent-State to take a decision on the claim of the petitioner in accordance with law by passing a speaking and reasoned order within a period of three months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

May 12, 2025.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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