

HC clears decks for appointment of 1,000 linemen in PSPCL

The Punjab and Haryana high court has cleared decks for the appointment of over 1,000 linemen in the Punjab State Power Corporation Limited (PSPCL).

These posts were advertised in 2013 and 2015, but the high court had stayed them on a bunch of petitions challenging the criterion of recruitment.

The petitioners had argued that the merit list should be prepared on the basis of four subjects for all the candidates.

The petitioner candidates were those, who had done their engineering diploma before 2008, when the syllabus had six subjects. After 2008, the government had brought down the number of subjects to four in the course.

Appearing for the PSPCL, senior advocate Girish Agnihotri argued that the merit list was prepared on the basis of percentage of marks obtained by the candidates in the test, and the criterion was advertised in 2013. The petitioners, as an afterthought, approached the court after participating in the recruitment process, he argued.

The high court bench of justice Daya Chaudhary dismissed all the petitions challenging the recruitment process and vacated the stay imposed in 2015. The detailed judgment is awaited.