

Good news for State electricity workers

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Delhi government to set up a panel for their salary revision

The New Year is going to bring good news for electricity workers in the Capital as the Delhi government has set up a special commission for their salary revision.

The recommendations of the commission, once implemented, is expected to benefit around 30,000 employees as well as retired workers who had last received increments in the year 2009. This information was given by the Delhi government in the High Court during the hearing of a petition filed by the Delhi State Electricity Worker Union (DSEWU) in front of Justice Sunil Gaur.

“Our salaries have not changed for more than six years now. There has been no wage commission since 2009. We are glad that the government has agreed to set up a fresh panel for our pay revision,” said Kuldeep Kumar, general secretary, DSEWU and the petitioner in the case. Officials in the power department said that the commission will be constituted within four weeks.

The new commission is likely to revise the entire salary structure of electricity workers who were part of the erstwhile Delhi Vidyut Board (DVB) until privatisation of the power sector happened in 2002. At present these workers are spread across the three private distribution companies and the State government’s agencies like Delhi Transco Limited, IPGCL and PPCL.

“The last wage revision commission was set up in 2008 and its recommendations were implemented in 2009. That time we had received a salary hike of 30-35 per cent. The workers had got arrears dated from the year 2006,” added Mr Kumar. Criticising the Aam Aadmi Party government, the workers said that despite repeated requests, it never really took the matter seriously which is why they had to approach the High Court.

“The then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had made the rule that the wages of electricity workers must be increased by 66 per cent once in every 10 years. But, no such rule is followed anymore. Hence, we are left to fend for ourselves,” said another employee.

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