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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARHCWP-19481-2023 (O&M)
Date of Decision:28.05.2025

ANSHU SINGLA AND OTHERS ...Petitioners
Vs.
STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS ...Respondents

2. CWP-22173-2020 (O&M)

MOHINDER SINGH RAWAT AND ORS ...Petitioners
Vs.
PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT AND ANR ...Respondents

3. CWP-4047-2021 (O&M)

JASBIR SINGH AND OTHERS ...Petitioners
Vs.
PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT ...Respondent

4. CWP-3170-2025

ANIL KUMAR SANGWAN AND OTHERS ...Petitioners
Vs.
STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS ...Respondents

5. CWP-1200-2025

LR/ASI NARINDER KUAR AND OTHERS ...Petitioners
Vs.
STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS ...Respondents

6. CWP-1974-2025

ASI/LR TALWINDERJEET SINGH AND OTHERS ...Petitioners
Vs.
STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS ...Respondents

7. CWP-15189-2025

VISHAL MAGGU ...Petitioner
Vs.
STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS ...Respondents



CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

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HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J. (Oral)

1. In the present bunch of petitions, the grievance raised by the petitioners is that they were recruited against the vacancies which were advertised prior to 01.01.2004, though appointments *qua* the said recruitment were made after the year 2004, hence, they should be granted the benefit of Old Pension Scheme as is being granted by the Government of



India to its employees as notified by the Government of India in the instructions dated 03.03.2023, appended with the petition as Annexure P-14.

2. Learned State counsel submits that the matter has been considered and the notification dated 23.05.2025 has already been issued granting the same benefit as has been granted by the Government of India as well as Government of Haryana to its employees *qua* the employees who were recruited against the vacancies which were advertised prior to 01.01.2004, but, were selected and appointed after January 2004, to be treated under the Old Pension Scheme.

3. Learned Senior counsel appearing on behalf of the State submits that as, the grievance of the petitioner has already been considered and redressed and the employees who fulfils the requisite of the notification dated 23.05.2025, benefits admissible to them under Old Pension Scheme which was in existence prior to 01.01.2004 will be extended to them while considering them under the Old Pension Scheme and appropriate relief will be granted to the individual eligible employees.

4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the High Court also submits that as a categorical stand was taken by the High Court that whatever relief would be granted by the State of Punjab to its employees *qua* the employees who were appointed against the vacancies which were advertised prior to 01.01.2004 so as to be treated under Old Pension Scheme, the same will also be implemented *qua* the employees of the High Court, hence, as the Government of Punjab has already granted the relief to its employees vide notification dated 23.05.2025, the same relief will also be extended to



the employees of the High Court according to the notification issued by the Government of Punjab dated 23.05.2025.

5. At this stage, learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner submits that there are certain rules as to how, the employees, who were earlier being governed by the New Pension Scheme and were later on brought under the Old Pension Scheme, have been stipulated in the notification dated 03.03.2023 which has been issued by the Government of India *qua* the aspect as to how, the amount which has already been deposited by the employee concerned is to be brought under the Old Pension Scheme and what relief are to be granted to them, and the said benefit should also be granted to the petitioners *qua* the grant of interest on the amount which have been deposited by the employees under Contributory Provident Fund Scheme as the said amount has been retained by the employer.

6. Learned counsel for the Punjab State and High Court submits that while granting the benefits to the employees who are to be brought under the Old Pension Scheme as per notification dated 23.05.2023, the notification dated 03.03.2023 issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Personnel Public Grievances and Pension, as applicable to finalize the modalities will be kept in mind with regard to the transfer of the amount deposited in the New Provident Fund Scheme to the Old Pension Scheme and also *qua* the interest to be given on the said amount to the employees concerned.

7. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that keeping in view



the statement of the learned senior counsel appearing on behalf of the State and High Court, the present petition may kindly be disposed of with a direction that entire exercise be completed within 03 months from today.

8. Ordered accordingly.

9. A photocopy of the order be placed on the files of other connected cases.

28.05.2025**kv****(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE**

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