



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

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**RSA-3415-1997 (O&M)  
Decided on: 27.03.2025**

State of Haryana

. . . Appellant

Versus

Satish Kumar Bhatnagar

. . . Respondent

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL**

PRESENT: Mr. Jagdish Manchanda, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

Mr. Ashish Handa, Advocate  
for the respondent.

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**VIKAS BAHL, J.(ORAL)**

1. The respondent-plaintiff had filed the suit in the year 1992 for declaration which was dismissed by the trial Court. The appeal filed by the respondent-plaintiff was allowed in the following terms:-

*“12. As a consequence of above discussion, the present appeal merits acceptance and accepting the same the suit of the plaintiff is decreed with costs throughout to the effect that order dated 22.1.1986 passed by Director of School Education, Haryana, Chandigarh retiring the plaintiff prematurely at the age of 55 years with effect from 3.5.1986 is illegal, null and void and plaintiff-appellant is to be deemed to be in service upto the date of his superannuation i.e. 58 years with all consequential benefits and the plaintiff is entitled to recover such benefits with interest at the rate of 18% per annum on the arrears of pay and allowances from date of their accrual till and the date of actual payment. The retiral benefits already given to the plaintiff-appellant shall be adjusted. Decree sheet be prepared accordingly and file be consigned to the record room.*

*Sd/-  
Addl. District Judge,  
Karnal”*



2. Learned counsel for the respondent has submitted that there is no stay order in the present appeal and in all probability, the respondent has got the benefits under the judgment. It is further submitted that inspite of the best efforts and several letters having been written to the respondent, the counsel for the respondent has not been able to get in touch with the respondent nor the respondent or any person on his behalf has approached the office of the counsel in the recent past.

3. Learned counsel for the appellant has submitted that in view of the above, the present appeal be disposed of at this stage but liberty may be granted to both the parties to revive the appeal, in case, any cause of action survives.

4. In view of the above, present appeal is disposed of at this stage with the aforesaid liberty.

5. Pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand disposed of with the abovesaid order.

27.03.2025

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*Whether reasoned/speaking?*

*Whether reportable?*

*Yes/No*

*Yes/No*

**(VIKAS BAHL)**  
**JUDGE**