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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(C) 4690/2023**
UNION OF INDIA AND OTHERSPetitioners

Through: Ms. Manisha Agrawal Narain,
CGSC with Mr. Nipun Jain,
Adv.

versus

DEVENDER SINGH NEGI AND OTHERSRespondents
Through: Mr. Deepak Khadaria and
Ms. Nidhi Garg, Adv. for R-7&
8.

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAVIN CHAWLA
HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MADHU JAIN

ORDER

% **21.11.2025**

CM APPL. 73283/2025

1. This application has been filed by the respondent nos. 7 and 8, contending that they were extended the benefit of the Old Pension Scheme by an Order dated 21.10.2021 issued by the petitioners. They have now come to know that the petitioners intend to withdraw the said benefit.

2. Issue notice.

3. Notice is accepted by Ms. Manisha Agrawal Narain, the learned counsel on behalf of the petitioners. She submits that the respondent nos. 7 and 8 were wrongly granted the benefit of the Old Pension Scheme and, in terms of the Office Memorandum dated 08.03.2022, the said benefit deserves to be withdrawn. She further submits that responsibility is also to be fixed on the officers who had wrongly



extended this benefit to the respondent nos. 7 and 8.

4. We shall consider the above submissions on merit once we receive a reply to the application from the petitioners.

5. Let a reply be filed within a period of four weeks from today. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed within a period of four weeks thereafter.

6. List on 23rd March, 2026, the date already fixed.

7. In the meantime, the petitioners shall maintain the *status quo* with respect to the entitlement of the respondent nos. 7 and 8 under the Old Pension Scheme.

NAVIN CHAWLA, J

MADHU JAIN, J

NOVEMBER 21, 2025/prg/k/DG