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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ **W.P.(C) 4365/2025**

SAVITRAN DEVI

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Shubham Singh, Mr. Rajat
Gaba & Mr. Saurabh Dahiya,
Advocates.

versus

PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK & ANR.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Rajat Arora, Mr. Niraj Kumar,
Mr. Sourabh Mahla & Mr. Om
Prakash, Advocates for R-1.

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PRATEEK JALAN

ORDER

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07.04.2025

CM APPL. 20142/2025 (for exemption)

Exemption allowed, subject to all just exceptions.

The application stands disposed of.

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1. Issue notice. Mr. Rajat Arora, learned counsel, accepts notice on behalf of respondent No. 1. Respondent No. 2 be served by all permissible modes.
2. The petitioner's late husband worked in the respondent No. 1- Punjab National Bank as a peon-cum-guard. He superannuated on 31.12.2004 and passed away on 15.12.2009. The petitioner seeks



coverage for the purposes of pension under a Circular of the respondent-Bank dated 16.08.2010, issued pursuant to a Memorandum of Settlement dated 27.04.2010 between the two respondents. It is admitted that the said Circular covers the family of officers/employees, who were at service of the Bank prior to 29.09.1995, but retired after that date and died thereafter. *Prima facie*, this covers the case of the petitioner's husband.

3. Her representation has been rejected only on the ground that she did not opt for pension in terms of the Scheme before the last date - 24.11.2010.

4. It is the petitioner's case that she is uneducated and resides in a remote village in Himachal Pradesh, and that she was unaware of the Scheme until 2024, when she made her first representation.

5. The respondents are directed to file counter affidavit clearly placing on record the number of former employees and families covered by the Circular, and the manner in which the information about the option granted to them and the last date was disseminated.

6. Affidavit be filed within four weeks. Rejoinder thereto, if any, may be filed within two weeks thereafter.

7. List on 04.08.2025.

PRATEEK JALAN, J

APRIL 7, 2025

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