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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**
+ **W.P.(C) 6911/2025**

DEVI CHAND KAMBOJ AND ORS.Petitioners

Through: Mr.Pranesh Rana, Advocate

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORSRespondents

Through: Mr.Kushagra Kumar, SPC with

Ms.Apoorva Dixit, Advocates for respondent
Nos.1 and 3

Mr.Harshit Manwani, Advocate for respondent
No.2

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HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ KUMAR OHRI

ORDER

% **21.05.2025**

CM APPL. 31275/2025 (exemption)

1. Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.
2. The application is disposed of.

W.P.(C) 6911/2025 and CM APPL. 31274/2025 (stay)

1. By way of the present petition, the petitioners seek following reliefs:-

“a) Quash / set aside the common Letter No. DL / CPM / Pension / 131 / dated 01-05-2023 for the recovery of arrears of pension issued by the Respondent No. 2 against the petitioners herein;

b) Restore / Commence / Start the revised / higher pension which have been stopped / withheld since 01-01-2023.

d) Commence / Start the revised / higher pension of the petitioner no. 5 – Hira Lal from the date of his retirement.

e) Direct the Respondents Nos. 1, 2 and 3 to clear the arrears of the pension from January, 2023 alongwith an interest @ 9% per annum.”



2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that in other writ petitions no. 6957/203, 7094/2023, 7138/2023 and 7139/2023 involving similar issues, for reasons of parity with the orders passed by the Kerala High Court, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Himachal Pradesh High Court, the respondents were directed to maintain the status quo qua the pension being received by the petitioners, as on 01.01.2023. He further submits that the details of respondent No.1 have inadvertently been described erroneously in the petition. Let the amended memo of parties be filed, mentioning the correct description of respondent No. 1.

3. Issue notice.

4. Learned counsels for their respective parties accept notice. Notice be also issued to respondent No.4 by all permissible modes, returnable on 28.08.2025.

5. In view of the above submissions and for the reasons of parity, let the status quo be maintained by the respondents with respect to pension being received by the petitioners as on 01.01.2023.

6. Further, till the next date, the respondents shall not take any coercive steps in furtherance of the impugned notices issued to the petitioners seeking to make recoveries of the differential amount on account of the higher pension that they have received for the last many years.

MANOJ KUMAR OHRI, J

MAY 21, 2025

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