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

\+   W.P.(C) 1875/2013, CM APPL. 14622/2014 (for separate hearing) & CM APPL. 9378/2022(for directions)

FEDERATION OF STATE BANK OF INDIA AND ORS ..... Petitioners

Through: Mr. P.N. Misra, Sr. Adv. with Mr. Debash Panda, Mr. Subhash Chandra Sagar and Mr. E. C. Vidyasagar, Advocates

versus

THE UNION OF INDIA AND ORS ..... Respondents

Through: Mr. Kavindra Gill, SPC for R-1
Mr. Rajiv Kapur and Mr. Akshit Kapur, Advocates with Mr. Diwan Singh Pangtey, AGM PPG (SBI)and Mr. Pramod Kumar Monga, Manager (SBI)

W.P.(C) 8095/2016

UMESH SHARMA ..... Petitioner

Through: Mr. Alex Joseph (AOR) and Mr.Mayank Dwivedi, Advocates

versus

THE STATE BANK OF INDIA ..... Respondent

Through: Mr. Kavindra Gill, SPC for R-1
Mr.Rajiv Kapur, Mr. Akshit Kapur and Mr. Aditya Saxena, Advocates

W.P.(C) 9679/2016

MANOHAR LAL ..... Petitioner

Through: Mr. Alex Joseph (AOR),

Mr.Mayank Dwivedi and Mr. Avinash K. Sharma, Advocate

versus

THE STATE BANK OF INDIA ..... Respondent

Through: Mr. Kavindra Gill, SPC for R-1
Mr.Rajiv Kapur, Mr. Akshit Kapur and Mr. Aditya Saxena, Advocates

CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE V. KAMESWAR RAO
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SAURABH BANERJEE

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1. After the last date of hearing, the State Bank of India has filed an affidavit alongwith two documents (1) communication dated November 07, 2023 of the Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance , Government of India granting the approval of the Centre Government for computation of pension in SBI at the uniform rate of 50% of all the pensioners in place of existing dual rate of calculation of pension. They have also advised the Bank to take immediate steps for making the consequential amendments to the Regulation(s) as per section 50 of the State Bank of India Act, 1955 and (2) communication dated December 18, 2023 whereby the Reserve Bank of India has conveyed no objection for the proposed amendments to the SBI Employees' Pension fund Regulations, 2014 in terms of Section 50(1) of the SBI Act, 1955 with a direction to obtain previous sanction of the Centre Government for notifying the said amendments.

2. It is also said that the computation shall be given effect prospectively.

3. Mr. Kapur states that he will take instructions as to when the necessary amendments shall be notified.

4. We have also been shown a letter dated January 18, 2024 addressed to the learned Additional Solicitor General wherein the following has been stated:

> *"To:*
> *Shri Chetan Sharma*
> *Additional Solicitor General*
> *Delhi High Court*
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> *Subject: SBI Court Case Writ Petition(C) No. 1875/2013 titled Federation of SBI Pensioners Association & Or. vs. Union of India & Ors., - amendments in SBI Employees' Pension Fund Regulations – regarding*
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> *Sir,*
> *Please refer to the writ petition cited in the subject noted above and this Department's letter dated 7.11.2023.*
> *2. In this connection, the undersigned is directed to say that the proposal for amendment in State Bank of India Employees' Pension Fund Regulations, 2014 has been received in this Department from State Bank of India and the same is under consideration in consultation with M/o Law and Justice.*
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> *Yours faithfully,*
>
> *(Vijay Shankar Tiwari)*
> *Under Secretary to the Government of India*
> *Tel: 011- 23362349*
> *Email: ir@nic.in "*

5. At this, Mr. Gill seeks an adjournment by eight weeks to convey the Court the latest position.

6. Renotify on May 2, 2024.

7. A copy of this order be kept in all the petitions.

V. KAMESWAR RAO, J

SAURABH BANERJEE, J

JANUARY 22, 2024/rr