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

+ W.P.(C) 6760/2025

(46) BHAVANARAYANA RAO SEETHAMSETTYPetitioner

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORSRespondents

+ W.P.(C) 713/2026

(47) FORUM OF MTNL UNIONS AND ASSOCIATION.....Petitioner

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORSRespondents

+ W.P.(C) 7573/2025

(48) NSC EX EMPLOYEES WELFARE ASSOCIATION.....Petitioner

versus

UNION OF INDIA THROUGH SECRETARY MINISTRY OF
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT & ORS.Respondents

+ W.P.(C) 8812/2025

(49) SHASHI KANT KULSHRESHTHA AND ORSPetitioners

versus

EMPLOYEES PROVIDENT FUND ORGANISATION AND ORS
.....Respondents

+ W.P.(C) 8843/2025

(50) NARENDRA SINGH AND ORSPetitioners

versus

EMPLOYEES PROVIDENT FUND ORGANISATION AND ORS
.....Respondents

+ W.P.(C) 11104/2025

(51) RETIRED EMPLOYEES NFL ASSOCIATIONPetitioner

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORSRespondents

+ W.P.(C) 14651/2025

(54) ALL INDIA FORUM OF MMTCPetitioner

versus

UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents



- + W.P.(C) 14706/2025
(55) PENSIONERS SANGHARSH SAMITIPetitioner
versus
UNION OF INDIA AND ORS.Respondents
- + W.P.(C) 15516/2025
(56) MR. SUSHIL KUMAR SAINI AND ORSPetitioners
versus
EMPLOYEES PROVIDENT FUND ORGANISATION AND ORS
.....Respondents
- + W.P.(C) 15596/2025
(57) MR PANKAJ SRIVASTAVAPetitioner
versus
UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents
- + W.P.(C) 16044/2025
(58) SURENDRA MOHAN ARORA & ORS.Petitioners
versus
EMPLOYEES PROVIDENT FUND ORGANISATION & ORS.
.....Respondents
- + W.P.(C) 16195/2025
(59) JITENDRA DUGGAL & ORS.Petitioners
versus
EMPLOYEES PROVIDENT FUND ORGANISATION & ORS.
.....Respondents
- + W.P.(C) 16873/2025
(60) GURMIT SINGH BHATIA AND ORSPetitioners
versus
UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents
- + W.P.(C) 17218/2025
(62) NARDEV KULESH & ORS.Petitioners
versus
REGIONAL PROVIDENT FUND COMMISSIONER & ANR.
.....Respondents
- + W.P.(C) 17441/2025



- (63) SURENDRA NATH PATI & ORS.Petitioners
versus
CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUND COMMISSIONER & ORS.
.....Respondents
- + W.P.(C) 18015/2025
(65) STEEL AUTHORITY OF INDIA LIMITED PROVIDENT FUND
TRUSTPetitioner
versus
UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents
- + W.P.(C) 18220/2025
(66) GAIL EX-EXECUTIVES WELFARE ASSOCIATION GEEWA
.....Petitioner
versus
UNION OF INDIA UOI AND ORS.Respondents
- + W.P.(C) 18290/2025
(67) RATTAN LAL YADAV AND ANRPetitioners
versus
EPFO AND ORSRespondents
- + W.P.(C) 19527/2025
(69) PRAKASH CHAND JOSHI & ORS.Petitioners
versus
EMPLOYEES PROVIDENT FUND ORGANISATION EPFO &
ORS.Respondents
- + W.P.(C) 503/2026
(70) INDCON PROJECTS AND EQUIPMENT LIMITED.....Petitioner
versus
REGIONAL PROVIDENT FUND COMMISSIONER.....Respondent
- + W.P.(C) 2273/2026
(103) RAJINDER KUMAR SHARMA AND ORSPetitioners
versus
UNION OF INDIA AND ORSRespondents
Through:



Presence:

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Mr. Satyam Pandey, Adv. for petitioner in item no.47 (through v/c)

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Mr. Sukrit Kapoor, Mr. Rohitaashu Sinha, Ms. Simran Tandon and Mr. Rohan Singhla, Advs. for petitioners in item no.48.

Mr. Divyansh Rawal and Ms. Jahanvi Garg, Advs. for petitioner in item no.49.

Mr. Saurabh Bhargavan, Mr. Nikhil S. Nair and Ms. Chinju Saurabh, Advs. for petitioner in item nos.49 and 50 (through v/c)

Mr. Ashok Aggarwal, Mr. Kumar Utkarsh and Mr. Manoj Kumar, Advs. for petitioner in item no.56.

Mr. Varun Shrama, Ms. Ayush Sharma, Ms. Askini Shokeen and Mr. Jayant Dayal, Advs. for petitioner in item no.57 (through v/c)

Mr. Anand Verma, Mr. Apoorva Pandey and Mr. Disha Mittal, Advs. for petitioner in item no.58 and 59.

Mr. Tushar Sannu and Mr. Umesh Kumar, Advs. for petitioner in item no.60.

Mr. Sanjay Jain, Sr. Adv. and Mr. Kundan Kr. Mishra, Advs. for petitioner in item no.62.

Mr. Yogendra Aldar and Ms. Tamanna Sharma, Advs. for petitioner in item no.65 (through v/c)

Mr. Abhikalp Pratap Singh, Ms. Yamini Singh and Mr. Utkarsh Kumar, Advs. for petitioner in item no.66.

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Ms. Arti Bansal, CGSC, Ms. Shruti Goel, Adv. for UOI in item no.48 (through v/c)
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Mr. Om Prakash, Adv. for R-2 and 3 in item no.49, 50 (through v/c)
Mr. N.D.Pancholi, Adv. for respondent in item no.53.
Mr. Neeraj, SPC, Mr. Ravi Mittal, GP, Mr. Soumyadip Chakraborty, Adv. for UOI in item no.54.
Mr. Anshul Rai and Mr. Raunaq Singh, Adv. for R-4 in item no.54 (through v/c)
Mr. Rajiv Shukla, Ms. Shivani Kapoor, Mr. Sanjay Kumar and Mr. Manish Bhardwaj, Adv. for R-4.
Ms. Mahva Kalra, Ms. Meghna Nair, Mr. Rohan J. Kapoor and Mr. Peeyoush Kalra, Adv. for R-3 and 4 in item no.56.
Ms. Avshreya Pratap Singh Rudy, CGSC, Mr. Ankit Khatri and Ms. Nyasa Sharma, Adv. for R-5 in item no.56.
Mr. Sahil Tagotra and Ms. Shreya Kasera, Adv. for R-8 to 13 in item no.58.
Mr. Subodh Kumar Kaushk, SPC, Mr. Naveen, GP and Ms. Chhaya Sharma, Adv. for UOI in item no.60.
Mr. Gauravjeet Narwan and Ms. Aanchal Singh, Adv. for R-5 in item no.66 (through v/c)
Mr. Sahil Tagotra, Ms. Shreya Kasera, Adv. for R-8 to 13 in item no.58 (through v/c)
Mr. Subodh Kumar Kaushik, SPC for UOI in item no.60 (through v/c)
Mr. Pritish Sabharwal, Adv. for R-7 / UOI in item no.69 (through v/c)
Ms. Padma Priya, Ms. Poornima Gupta, Adv. for R-4 and 5 in item no.69.
Mr. Puneet Yadav, Sr. Panel Counsel for R-1, 3 and 4 for UOI in item no.57.
Mr. Jagdish Chandra, CGSC and Ms. Maanya Saxena, Adv. for UOI in item no.65.
Dr. Ajay P. Tushir, Adv. for R-4 in item no.66 (through v/c)
Mr. Sandeep Kumar Mahapatra, CGSC, Ms. Mrinmayee Sahu, Mr. Tribhuvan, Mr. Abhimanyu and Ms. Anushka, Adv. for R-1 and Mr. Gauravjeet Narwan, Ms. Aanchal Singh, Adv. for R-5 in item no.66.
Ms. Pallavi Talwar, GP, UOI in item no.69.
Mr. S.K. Gupta and Mr. Raj Kumar, Adv. for respondent in item no.70.
Mr. Kamal Kant Jha, Mr. Avinash Singh, Mr. Aishwarya Deep Singh, Adv.



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Mr. Bhagwan Swarup Shukla, CGSC, Mr. Kamaldeep, GP and Mr. Mukesh Kumar Pandey, Advs. for UOI in item no.103.

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CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SACHIN DATTA

ORDER

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18.02.2026

W.P.(C) 2273/2026 and CM APPL.10970/2026

1. Issue notice.
2. Learned counsel, as aforesaid, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent/s.
3. Let reply be filed within a period of four weeks. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed before the next date of hearing.
4. List before the concerned Joint Registrar (Judicial) for completion of pleadings on 09.03.2026.
5. List in Court on 09.04.2026 at 02.30 PM.

W.P.(C) 6760/2025

W.P.(C) 713/2026 and CM APPL.3445/2026

W.P.(C) 7573/2025

W.P.(C) 8812/2025

W.P.(C) 8843/2025

W.P.(C) 11104/2025

W.P.(C) 14651/2025

W.P.(C) 14706/2025

W.P.(C) 15516/2025

W.P.(C) 15596/2025

W.P.(C) 16044/2025 and CM APPL.65723/2025

W.P.(C) 16195/2025 and CM APPL.66273/2025



W.P.(C) 16873/2025
W.P.(C) 17218/2025 and CM APPL.70821/2025
W.P.(C) 17441/2025 and CM APPL.72027/2025
W.P.(C) 18015/2025
W.P.(C) 18220/2025 and CM APPL.75325/2025
W.P.(C) 18290/2025
W.P.(C) 19527/2025
W.P.(C) 503/2026 and CM APPL.2410/2026

6. Last opportunity is granted to the respondents to file their counter-affidavits within a period of four weeks from today (if not already filed).
7. In case, the same is not filed within the said period, right to file the same shall be forfeited.
8. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed before the next date of hearing.
9. List before the concerned Joint Registrar (Judicial) for completion of pleadings on 09.03.2026.
10. List in Court on 09.04.2026 at 02.30 PM.

SACHIN DATTA, J

FEBRUARY 18, 2026/cl