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

+ W.P.(C) 14706/2025, CM APPL. 13621/2026

(72) PENSIONERS SANGHARSH SAMITIPetitioner

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS.Respondents

+ W.P.(C) 16717/2025, CM APPL. 68634/2025, CM APPL. 68635/2025, CM APPL. 68636/2025, CM APPL. 78725/2025, CM APPL. 17883/2026

(73) SHANTI SWARUP BHAN & ORS.Petitioners

versus

REGIONAL PROVIDENT FUND COMMISSIONER & ANR.

.....Respondents

+ W.P.(C) 6760/2025

(77) BHAVANARAYANA RAO SEETHAMSETTYPetitioner

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORSRespondents

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

(78) FORUM OF MTNL UNIONS AND ASSOCIATIONPetitioner

versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORSRespondents

+ W.P.(C) 7573/2025

(79) NSC EX EMPLOYEES WELFARE ASSOCIATIONPetitioner

versus

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

+ W.P.(C) 8812/2025

(80) SHASHI KANT KULSHRESHTHA AND ORSPetitioners

versus

EMPLOYEES PROVIDENT FUND ORGANISATION AND ORS

.....Respondents

+ W.P.(C) 8843/2025

(81) NARENDRA SINGH AND ORSPetitioner

versus

EMPLOYEES PROVIDENT FUND ORGANISATION AND ORS

.....Respondents

+ W.P.(C) 11104/2025



- (82) RETIRED EMPLOYEES NFL ASSOCIATIONPetitioner
versus
UNION OF INDIA AND ORSRespondent
+ W.P.(C) 14651/2025
- (83) ALL INDIA FORUM OF MMTCPetitioner
versus
UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents
+ W.P.(C) 15516/2025
- (84) MR. SUSHIL KUMAR SAINI AND ORSPetitioners
versus
EMPLOYEES PROVIDENT FUND ORGANISATION AND ORSRespondents
+ W.P.(C) 15596/2025
- (85) MR PANKAJ SRIVASTAVAPetitioner
versus
UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents
+ W.P.(C) 16044/2025, CM APPL. 65723/2025
- (86) SURENDRA MOHAN ARORA & ORS.Petitioners
versus
EMPLOYEES PROVIDENT FUND ORGANISATION & ORS.Respondent
+ W.P.(C) 16195/2025, CM APPL. 66273/2025
- (87) JITENDRA DUGGAL & ORS.Petitioner
versus
EMPLOYEES PROVIDENT FUND ORGANISATION & ORS.Respondents
+ W.P.(C) 16873/2025, CM APPL. 23027/2026
- (88) GURMIT SINGH BHATIA AND ORSPetitioner
versus
UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents
+ W.P.(C) 17218/2025, CM APPL. 70821/2025
- (89) NARDEV KULESH & ORS.Petitioners
versus
REGIONAL PROVIDENT FUND COMMISSIONER & ANR.Respondents
+ W.P.(C) 17441/2025, CM APPL. 72027/2025



- (90) SURENDRA NATH PATI & ORS.Petitioner
versus
CENTRAL PROVIDENT FUND COMMISSIONER & ORS.
.....Respondent
- + W.P.(C) 18015/2025
- (91) STEEL AUTHORITY OF INDIA LIMITED PROVIDENT FUND
TRUSTPetitioner
versus
UNION OF INDIA & ORS.Respondents
Through:
+ W.P.(C) 18220/2025, CM APPL. 75325/2025
- (92) GAIL EX-EXECUTIVES WELFARE ASSOCIATION GEEWA
.....Petitioner
versus
UNION OF INDIA UOI AND ORS.Respondents
+ W.P.(C) 18290/2025
- (93) RATTAN LAL YADAV AND ANRPetitioner
versus
EPFO AND ORSRespondent
+ W.P.(C) 19527/2025
- (94) PRAKASH CHAND JOSHI & ORS.Petitioner
versus
EMPLOYEES PROVIDENT FUND ORGANISATION EPFO &
ORS.Respondent
+ W.P.(C) 503/2026, CM APPL. 2410/2026
- (95) INDCON PROJECTS AND EQUIPMENT LIMITEDPetitioner
versus
REGIONAL PROVIDENT FUND COMMISSIONER.....Respondent
+ W.P.(C) 2273/2026, CM APPL. 10970/2026
- (96) RAJINDER KUMAR SHARMA AND ORS
.....Petitioner
versus
UNION OF INDIA AND ORSRespondent

Presence: Mr. Ashok Agarwal, Mr. Kumar Utkarsh, Mr. Manoj Kumar and Ms. Ashna Khan, Advocates.
Mr. Sanjay Jain, Sr. Advocate along with Mr. Atul Batra, Mr. Nishank Tripathi, Ms. Harshita Sukhija, Ms. Rishika Agrawal, Ms. Priya Tyagi and Mr. Sreyan Srivastava, Advocates for



Petitioner in Item No.73.

Mr. Kamal Kant Jha, Ms. Aishwarya Deep Singh and Ms. Aakriti, Advocates in Item No.95 (through VC).

Mr. Saurabh Bhargavan, Mr. Nikhil S. Nair, Ms. Chinju Saurabh and Mr. Satvik K. Harita, Advocates for petitioners in Item Nos.80 and 81.

Mr. Sandeep Tyagi, SPC for R-1 in Item No.77 (through VC).

Dr. Ajay P. Tushir, Advocate for R-4 (through VC) in Item No.92.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar Mahapatra(CGSC), Ms. Mrinmayee Sahu Mahapatra(Adv), Mr. Tribhuvan(Adv), Mr. Abhimanyu Asija(Adv) For Respondent Number-1 in Item No.92 (through VC).

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Mr. Rajiv Shukla, Ms. Shivani Kapoor and Mr. Manish Bhardwaj, Advocates for R-4 and R-5 in Item Nos.72 and 96.

Mr. Sahil Tagotra and Ms. Shreya Kasera, Advocates for BHEL in Item Nos.86.

Mr. Anshul Rai and Mr. Raunaq Singh, Advocates for R-4 in Item No.83.

Mr. Jagdish Chandra and Ms. Maanja Saxena, Advocates for Respondent in Item No.91.

Mr. Prithish Sabharwal, SPC for UOI in Item No.94 (through VC).

Mr. Bhagwan Sawrup Shukla, CGSC along with Mr. Kamal Deep and Mr. Mukesh Kumar Pandey, Advocates for UOI in Item No.96.

Mr. Vishwendra and Ms. Shivali, Advocates for applicants/petitioners in Item Nos.72, 82, 78, 83 and 96.

Mr. Sanjay Jain, Sr. Advocate along with Mr. Kundan Kumar Mishra, Advs. for Petitioner in Item Nos.73 and 89.

Mr. Abha Sharma and Mr. Anupam Maurya, Advocates for petitioners in Item No.77.

Mr. GauravjeetNarwan and Ms. Aanchal Singh, Advocates for R-5/GAIL in Item No.92.

Mr. Subodh Kumar Kaushik, SPC for UOI in Item No.88.



Mr. Tushar Sannu, Mr. Parvin Bansal, Mr. Priyanka Tiwari, Advocates for Petitioner in Item No.88.

Mr. Yogendra Aldak and Ms. Tamanna Sharma, Advocates for Petitioner in Item No.91.

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Mr. Paritosh Budhiraja, Advocate for R-4 in Item No.77.

Ms. Pallavi Talwar, GP along with Ms. Nisha, Advocates for UOI in Item No.94.

Mr. P. S. Singh, CGSC along with Ms. Shivangi Sharma and Mr. Rajesh K. Sharma, Advocates for R-1 in Item No.72.

Mr. Om Prakash, Advocate along with Mr. Rajiv Ranjan Pathak, Advocates for Respondent Nos.2 and 3 in Item No.80 and 81.

Mr. B. S. Shukla, CGSC along with Mr. Kamaldeep, GP for UOI in Item No.96.

Mr. Siddharth, SC for EPFO along with Mr. Harshit Manwani, Ms. Himanshi Girdhar, Mr. Deepanshu Grover, Advocates for EPFO in Item Nos.72, 73, 77-96.

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Mr. Abhishek Chandra Mishra and Ms. Anushka Gupta, Advocates for R-4 in Item No.78.

Mr. Puneet Yadav, Senior Counsel for UOI for Item No.85.

Ms. Arunima Dwivedi, CGSC along with Ms. Himanshi Singh and Mr. Harshit, Advocates for R-4 in Item No.79.

Ms. Padma Priya, Ms. Poorima Gupta, Ms. Devanshi Sancheti, Advocates for R-4 and 5.

Mr. Abhikalp Pratap Singh, Ms. Yamini Singh, Mr. Subhasis Mitra, Mr. Karna Singh and Mr. Ravindran, Advocates for Petitioner in Item No.92.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SACHIN DATTA

ORDER

09.04.2026

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1. Counter-affidavit/s have been filed on behalf of the respondents in W.P.(C) 8812/2025 and W.P.(C) 8843/2025.
2. Learned counsel for the respondents in other connected matters, submit that the said counter-affidavit is adopted by the respondents for the purpose of all these matters.
3. The petitioners are at liberty to file rejoinder thereto, if not already filed, in all these matters.
4. List on 09.07.2026 at 02:30 PM.
CM APPL. 23027/2026 [under Order I Rule 10 (2)] in W.P.(C) 16873/2025
5. Issue notice.
6. Learned counsel, as aforesaid, accepts notice on behalf of the non-applicant/s.
7. Let reply be filed by the non-applicant/s, within a period of four weeks from today.
8. List on 09.07.2026 at 02:30 PM.
W.P.(C) 16195/2025
9. Learned counsel for the respondent nos.4 and 5 seeks some to file a counter-affidavit. Let the same be filed within a period of four weeks from today. Rejoinder thereto, if any, be filed before the next date of hearing.
10. List on 09.07.2026 at 02:30 PM.

SACHIN DATTA, J

APRIL 9, 2026/r