

**GAYATRI Versus THE STATE OF HP AND OTHERS**

**EX.P.-2573 of 2025**

**09.01.2026** Present: Mr. Pranav Kaushal, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Rajan Kahol & Mr. Vishal Panwar, Additional Advocates General with Mr. Ravi Chauhan, Deputy Advocate General, for the respondents-State.

Ms. Komal Chaudhary, Advocate, for respondent No.2.

While placing on record communication dated 08.01.2026, issued under signatures of Director of Higher Education, Himachal Pradesh, Shimla, which is taken on record, Mr. Rajan Kahol, learned Additional Advocate General, states that since petitioner failed to submit the option within 60 days from the date of issuance of notification dated 04.05.2023, coupled with the fact that he failed to deposit the amount, if any, received under NPS, his case for pension under Old Pension Scheme could not be processed.

While refuting the aforesaid submission made at the behest of respondents, Mr. Pranav Kaushal, learned counsel for the petitioner, states that Deputy Director, Elementary Education, Bilaspur, had forwarded the case of the petitioner to higher education for grant of pension. He further submitted that amount, if any, received under NPS has already been deposited in District Treasury and yet for no cogent and convincing reasons, pension is being denied to the petitioner.

Faced with aforesaid submission, learned  
Additional Advocate General prays for and is granted six weeks'  
time to have fresh instructions.

List on 25.03.2026.

**January 09, 2026**  
*(sunil)*

**(Sandeep Sharma)**  
**Judge**