



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

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CWP-9053-2026

Date of decision : 25.03.2026

Harwinder Singh and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Arora, Advocate for the petitioners.

NAMIT KUMAR J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioners under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus, directing the respondents to allow the petitioners to continue with the 'General Provident Fund Scheme' and the petitioners be held entitled to receive the pensionary benefits as applicable to the employees recruited in service prior to 01.01.2004 and grant them pension on their retirement with all consequential benefits in view of the judgment passed by this Court in CWP-10238-2017 titled as 'Jeewan Lata Vs. State of Punjab and others' decided on 10.05.2019 (Annexure P-12) and CWP-18074-2021 titled as 'Ram Pal and others Vs. State of Punjab and others' decided on 07.02.2025 (Annexure P-15). Further, to count the entire service rendered by the petitioners on part time basis followed by regular service for the purpose of qualifying service for pension and other retiral benefits.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that for redressal of their grievances, the petitioners have also served legal notice dated 26.12.2025 (Annexure P-14) to the respondents which is

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still pending consideration. He further submits that at this stage, the petitioners would be satisfied, if appropriate directions are issued to the respondents to consider and decide the said legal notice, by passing a speaking order, in a time bound manner.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. N.P.S. Hira, D.A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-State. He has no objection to the innocuous prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record of the case.

6. Without going into the merits of the case at this stage, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to consider and decide legal notice dated 26.12.2025 (Annexure P-14) submitted by the petitioners expeditiously, by passing a speaking order after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioners, preferably within a period of 03 months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. Further, the decision taken thereon shall be conveyed to the petitioners.

25.03.2026
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(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No