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

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Date of Decision: **13.07.2026**

Kanta Devi and another

.....Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Haryana and others

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present : Mr. Ravinder Bangar with Ms. Anjali Bangar & Mr. Veenus Malik, Advocates for the petitioners.

Mr. Naveen Singh Panwar, DAG Haryana-State.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (Oral)

1. The present writ petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of an appropriate writ or order in the nature of *mandamus* directing the respondents to grant benefit of Old Pension Scheme to petitioners, being widow/legal heirs of deceased employees, whose initial appointments were made on 22.04.1998 (w.e.f. 01.10.1997) (Annexure P-1) and 20.08.1998(Annexure P-6) respectively, i.e. much prior to 01.01.2006 and whose services were subsequently regularized vide order dated 13.05.2013 (Annexure P-2) and 23.08.2014 (Annexure P-7) on the posts of Sweeper-cum-Chowkidar, by treating their initial date of appointment as the relevant date for extending benefit of Old



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Pension Scheme, along with all consequential pensionary and retiral benefits. Further directing the respondents to release all pending arrears, admissible under Old Pension Scheme along with interest @9% per annum in accordance with law, as the claim of petitioners have already made by way of representation dated 24.06.2026 (Annexure P-13) which is squarely covered by judgment dated 29.11.2022 (Annexure P-12) passed in **CWP-5223-2018, Kanta Devi Versus State of Haryana and other**, decided on 29.11.2022.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner, at this stage, submits that he would be satisfied if a direction is issued to respondent No.2 to consider and decide the representation dated 24.06.2026 (Annexure P-13) by passing a reasoned and speaking order in terms of judgment passed by this Court in **Kanta Devi (supra)** within a time-bound period.

3. On advance notice, learned State counsel submits that he has no objection in the event a direction is issued to respondent No.2/competent authority to consider and decide the representation dated 24.06.2026 (Annexure P-13) by passing a reasoned and speaking order in terms of **Kanta Devi (supra)** within a stipulated period.

4. In view of the limited prayer made by counsel for the petitioner without commenting upon the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of and the respondent No.2/competent authority is directed to hear and decide representation dated 24.06.2026 (Annexure P-13) by passing a speaking order in a time bound manner in terms of **Kanta Devi (supra)**

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within a period of three months from the date of receiving a certified copy of this order. Further the decision taken thereof shall be conveyed to the petitioners.

5. Needless to say, if the petitioners are found entitled to the relief sought, the same be granted forthwith by respondent/competent authority.

6. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, shall also stands disposed of.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

13.07.2026
Puneet Chawla

Whether speaking/reasoned. : Yes/No
Whether Reportable. : Yes/No