



**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN AT
JODHPUR**

D.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 543/2002

All India Retired Bank Employees Asso. Through its Secretary,
Northern Zone, Sh. B.L. Rathore s/o Late Sh. Sawai Singh Ji, R/
O c-25, Jai Singh Way, Bani Park, Jaipur.

-----Petitioner

Versus

1. State Bank Of Bikaner and Jaipur Head Office, Tilak Marg, Jaipur through Managing Director.
2. Indian Bank Association, Stadium House, 6th Floor, Veer Nariman Road, Bombay through its Secretary.
3. Union of India, Ministry of Finance (Banking Division), New Delhi through its Secretary.
4. State Bank of India through its DMD, C-Scheme, Tilak Nagar, Jaipur

-----Respondents

For Petitioner(s)	:	Mr. Shiva Sharma
For Respondent(s)	:	Mr. Ankit Bhaskar for Mr. A.K. Rajvanshy Mr. Chayan Bothra Mr. Sunny Choudhary

**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP SHAH**

Order (Oral)

06/05/2026

Per: Arun Monga, J

1. The present writ assails Regulation 22 of the State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur Employees' Pension Regulations Pension Regulations, 1995 insofar as it stipulates forfeiture of past service upon resignation, thereby disentitling employees from claiming pensionary benefits. The petitioner further seek a declaration that denial of pension to employees who have resigned from service is arbitrary, discriminatory, and violative of Articles 14 and 16 of the Constitution of India, along with consequential directions for release of pension and other retiral benefits.

2. The brief facts of the case, as pleaded by the petitioner, are that the petitioner-All India Retired Bank Employees Association, is a society registered under the Societies Registration Act bearing Registration No. 938/91. It claims to represent retired employees, including resignees, of various banks across the country, including the respondent, State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur (SBBJ).

2.1 The State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur Employees' Pension Regulations, 1995 were framed under Section 63 of the State Bank of India (Subsidiary Banks) Act, 1959 with the approval of the Reserve Bank of India and came into force on 29.09.1995. The Regulations apply to all categories of employees and define "retirement" to include superannuation, voluntary retirement, and premature retirement. Regulation 3(1)(b) extends the applicability of the Regulations to employees who were in service on or after 01.01.1986, though pensionary benefits are payable from 01.11.1993. Regulation 29 provides for voluntary retirement upon completion of 20 years of qualifying service, whereas Regulation 22 excludes employees who resigned from service by treating resignation as forfeiture of past service.

2.2 The grievance of the petitioner is that employees who resigned after completing qualifying service, as well as those who voluntarily retired prior to 01.11.1993, have been denied pensionary benefits despite otherwise falling within the ambit of the Regulations.

2.3. Hence the instant petition.

3. We have heard the learned counsels for the parties and perused the material available on the record.

4. At the very threshold, having heard the learned counsel for the parties at some length, and considering the fact that the writ petition was filed way back in the year 2002, we are of the opinion that, by sheer passage of time, the writ petition has lost its steam. The resignations tendered by various members of the association were duly accepted and processed, and all consequential benefits arising therefrom were disbursed to the respective employees in the year 1993. Thereafter, after an inordinate lapse of about 9 years, the association has instituted the present writ petition in the year 2002 without setting forth any specific individual grievance on behalf of any of its members.

5. Confronted with these observations, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that, in the event, if any individual member of the association approaches the respondents by submitting their respective representations setting out their grievances, the same may be considered in accordance with law and appropriate orders may be passed thereon, one way or the other.

6. Learned counsel for the respondents does not object to the aforesaid submissions and submits that, in the event any member of the association submits a representation, the same shall be considered by the Competent Authority, in accordance with law.

7. With the aforesaid observations, writ petition stands disposed of.

8. All pending application(s) also stand disposed of.

(SANDEEP SHAH),J

(ARUN MONGA),J