

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGSPETITION(S) FOR SPECIAL LEAVE TO APPEAL (C) NO(S). 10560/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 17-12-2025 in WP No. 3445/2024 passed by the High Court of Judicature at Madras]

THE SECRETARY TO GOI & ORS.

Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

GAURAV BANDHU

Respondent(s)

IA No. 84679/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

WITH

SLP(C) No. 12444-12451/2026 (XII)

IA No. 102635/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

Date : 08-04-2026 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ MISRA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE UJJAL BHUYANFor Petitioner(s) :Mr. S D Sanjay, A.S.G.
Mr. Sudarshan Lamba, AOR
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Mr. Uday Prakash Yadav, Adv.
Ms. Soumya Sharan, Adv.For Respondent(s) :Mr. Pratishth Kaushal, Adv.
Mr. Naresh Kumar, AORUPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

1. Heard learned counsel for the petitioner.
2. We have been taken through Circular dated

05.02.2001. Paragraph 4 thereof, states as follows:

"However, it is informed that the scientific officers who have joined DAE prior to 01.08.1992 and who are having option to come over to GPF at any time according to the conditions stipulated in their substantive appointment order may also exercise their option to come over to the pension scheme at a later date, if they want to do so. Similarly, the scientific and technical personnel who joined DAE after 01.08.1992 may also opt to come over to the pension scheme before completion of 20 years, if they want to do so. Other than the above categories of employees, all are requested to take personal interest in their own interest to come over to the pension scheme."

3. In the present batch of petitions, by the impugned order of the High Court, writ petitioners were allowed to switch to the pension scheme from CPF scheme. Those petitioners fall in two categories. One, who were appointed prior to 01.08.1992 and the other who were appointed after, but had not completed 20 years of service before they exercised their switching option.

4. As we find that the option exercised was in tune with the aforesaid circular, we do not find a good reason to interfere with the order passed by the High Court.

5. Accordingly, there is no merit in these petitions. The same are dismissed.

6. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(KAVITA PAHUJA)
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(SAPNA BANSAL)
COURT MASTER (NSH)