

HIGH COURT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR AND LADAKH
AT JAMMU

WP(C) No. 229/2021

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1. Central Silk Board, Ministry of Textiles, Miran Sahib Jammu.
2. Scientist-D/Joint Director, Regional Sericultural Research Station, Central Silk Board, Miran Sahib, Jammu.
3. Incharge, Mori Culture Section, Regional Securultural Research Station, Central Silk Board, Miran Sahib, Jammu.

.....Appellant(s)/Petitioner(s)

Through: Mr. Harshwardhan Gupta, CGSC

vs

1. Ramesh Lal S/o Mr. Kashmiri Lal R/o Mehsonian, Rattian, Jammu, Skilled Farm Worker, Regional Sericultural Research Station, Central Silk Board, Miran Sahib, Jammu
2. Union of India through its Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi, 110011.

..... Respondent(s)

Through: Mr. Ankesh Chandel, Advocate

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV KUMAR, JUDGE
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY PARIHAR, JUDGE

ORDER (ORAL)

09.02.2026

Sanjeev Kumar 'J'

1. Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners states at Bar that the matter for grant of favourable relief to the respondents is pending consideration before the Ministry concerned and decision, possibly favourable to the respondent, is likely to be taken in couple of weeks.
2. Learned counsel appearing for the respondent, however, submits that a similar statement was made by the learned counsel for the

petitioners on 16.07.2025 and since then, nothing has been heard from the petitioners. He would further argue that the issue raised in this petition is no longer *res integra* and is covered by a Division Bench judgment of the High Court of Karnataka in case titled “*Central Silk Board Vs. The Central Silk Board Employees Union (R) and others*” (writ petition No. 18693/2014).

3. Having heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the material on record, we are of the considered opinion that the issue raised by the petitioners in this petition is fully covered by the Division Bench judgment of the High Court of Karnataka, rendered in Central Silk Board case (supra), wherein, upon consideration of the rival stand of the parties, a Division Bench of the High Court of Karnataka has concluded that the skilled farm workers, who are also permanent employees of the Board cannot be discriminated vis-a-vis other employees of the Board in the matter of age of superannuation. It has been concluded by the Division Bench that since the age of superannuation in respect of the employees of the Central Government, including the public service undertaking is 60 years and, therefore, a different yardstick cannot be applied to these skilled farm workers. This judgment has not been assailed by the petitioners before the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India and has thus, attained finality.
4. We have gone through the judgment passed by the Division Bench of the High Court of Karnataka and are persuaded to take same view, as has been taken by the Division Bench of the High Court of Karnataka.

5. Accordingly, we find no merit in this petition and, therefore, the judgment passed by the Tribunal is upheld with the only modification that the respondent shall be deemed to be in service till the completion of 60 years and entitled to the salary of the aforesaid period. With this modification, the judgment passed by the Central Administrative Tribunal, Jammu is upheld and the petition is **disposed of** accordingly.

(Sanjay Parihar)
Judge

(Sanjeev Kumar)
Judge

Jammu
09.02.2026
Vishal Sharma

Whether the order is reportable? Yes/No
Whether the order is speaking? Yes/No

