

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

LPA No. 23 of 2014 O&M)
Date of decision: 17.3.2016

State Bank of Patiala and others

.. Appellants

v.

Smt. Anand Versha Tandon

.. Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BINDAL
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr. H. N. Mehtani, Advocate for the appellants.
Mr. Ajay Aggarwal, Advocate for the respondent.

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Rajesh Bindal J.

Challenge in the present appeal is to the order dated 20.9.2013, passed by the learned Single Judge allowing the writ petition directing grant of pension to the respondent on her seeking voluntary retirement, though rendering less than 20 years of service.

Learned counsel for the appellants submitted that during the pendency of the present appeal, the bank came out with a circular on 17.11.2015 reducing the period of eligibility for grant of pension from 20 years to 15 years, in terms of which the case of the respondent can be considered as she is eligible.

CM No. 342 of 2016 was filed by the appellants-bank praying for disposal of the present appeal in terms of the aforesaid circular issued by the bank. In response the non-applicant/respondent has filed reply stating that she has already opted for grant of benefits in view of the circular dated 17.11.2015 and does not wish to press the writ petition itself. The same may be disposed of as infructuous.

After hearing learned counsel for the parties and considering

the fact that the claim of the respondent is being considered by the bank in view of the circular issued during the pendency of the present appeal and the case of the respondent is under consideration in that circular and the respondent herself prays for disposal of the writ petition as infructuous, while setting aside the order passed by the learned Single Judge, as the issue was decided on merits, the writ petition is disposed of as infructuous.

The appeal stands disposed of accordingly.

(Rajesh Bindal)
Judge

(Harinder Singh Sidhu)
Judge

17.3.2016
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