

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

**Civil Writ Petition No.916 of 2018
Date of Decision: 18.01.2018**

Constable Wazir Chand

..... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present:- Mr. Baljeet Singh Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (Oral)

The petitioner herein was engaged as Special Police Officer on daily wage basis on 21.08.1994 by the Police Department, Punjab and subsequently, on his passing the suitability test, he was enrolled/enlisted as Constable on 29.04.2010 at the time of recruitment from the source of Special Police Officers. He has been enrolled as Constable after 01.01.2004, therefore, he is sought to be governed under the New Restructured Defined Contributory Pension Scheme introduced for the appointees with the Punjab Government after 01.01.2004. His prayer is for a direction that he has to be governed under the Old Pension Scheme applicable to the appointees prior to 01.01.2004 by counting his previous period of engagement with the Punjab Government.

It is contended that the issue is squarely covered by the decision of a Division Bench of this Court rendered in '**Harbans Lal Vs. The State of Punjab and others**', reported as **2012 (3) S.C.T. 362 (Annexure P-7)**, which has attained finality. It is further contended that the ratio of Harbans Lal's case

(supra) has also been extended to the similarly situated Special Police Officers by a coordinate Bench of this Court rendered in CWP No.24472 of 2015 titled as '**Constable Rajesh Kumar and others Vs. State of Punjab and another**', vide order dated 07.01.2016, as even the review filed against the said order was dismissed vide order dated 09.05.2016.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Lavanya Paul, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents/State and does not dispute the aforesaid factual position, coupled with the facts of the present case that the matter is squarely covered by the decision rendered in Harbans Lal's case (supra), as also order dated 07.01.2016.

In view of the aforesaid circumstances, the present writ petition is disposed of in the same terms as in CWP No.24472 of 2015 decided on 07.01.2016.

January 18, 2018

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(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>