

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

**CWP No.12696 of 2020
Date of Decision : 31.05.2022**

Asha Devi

.. Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Virinder Kumar Shukla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Navdeep Chhabra, DAG, Punjab.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

The petitioner, who was the employee of the Department of Education, who is seeking relief of the grant of pension under the Old Pension Scheme, which was applicable prior to 01.01.2004.

Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that the claim of the petitioner is covered by the decision of the Division Bench of this Court passed in **CWP No.2371 of 2010** titled as “***Harbans Lal vs. State of Punjab and others***” and therefore, the respondents be directed to grant the benefits of pension under the Old Pension Scheme.

Learned counsel for the respondents-State submits that the issue in question has been discussed by the Competent Authority in their meeting held on 18.05.2022 wherein, it has been decided to generalize the decision in ***Harbans Lal's case (supra)*** to be made applicable upon all the concerned, who are covered by the said decision.

Learned counsel for the respondents-State submits that keeping in view the decision taken by the high powered committee on 18.05.2022, the claim of the petitioner will be considered by the Education Department and appropriate order will be passed within a period of six weeks from today and thereafter, if found eligible for the grant of relief under the Old Pension Scheme, appropriate relief will also be extended to the petitioner within a period of next six weeks.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that keeping in view the statement made by learned State counsel, no further grievance of the petitioner survives in the present petition and the same may kindly be disposed of having been not pressed any further.

Ordered accordingly.

Before parting, this Court express appreciation in respect of the efforts of the learned Advocate General, Punjab, due to which, the suffering pensioners, will be able to get their relief in a time bound manner, hence forth.

May 31, 2022

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No