

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CWP-27209-2019 (O&M)
Date of decision: 21.03.2023

BHAJAN SINGH

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present:- Mr. Vinod Bhardwaj, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Pankaj Mulwani, DAG, Haryana.

Mr. D.S. Nain, Advocate
for respondent No.6-Gram Panchayat.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The instant petition has been filed seeking to set aside the status report dated 10.07.2018 whereby the Old Age Pension issued to the petitioner was suspended after updating his status on the ground that the Annual Income of the petitioner is more than 02 lakhs on the basis of his land ownership.

Counsel for the petitioner fairly contend that the issue with regard to the financial criteria as the basis for suspending the Old Age Pension has already been accepted by this Court vide judgment dated 24.01.2023 passed in CWP-3731 of 2017 titled "*Roshni Devi & Others versus State of Haryana and Others*". He thus contends that in view of the said judgment, the present petition has been rendered infructuous. It

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is however contended by him that the land holding of the petitioner is no more in his name and that in the event of the petitioner submitting a fresh claim, the respondent-authorities be directed to consider the same in accordance with the applicable policy.

The present writ petition is accordingly dismissed in terms of the order dated 24.01.2023 passed in CWP-3731 of 2017 titled "*Roshni Devi & Others versus State of Haryana and Others*". Needless to mention that in the event of the petitioner submitting any fresh application for grant of Social Welfare Benefits under the existing schemes, the respondent-authorities shall consider the same within a period of 04 months after submission of such application as per applicable policy and in accordance with law.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

MARCH 21, 2023

Vishal sharma

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