

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

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CWP-2966-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision: 04.04.2024

Uma Shankar and others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Balbir Singh, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Charanpreet Singh, AAG, Punjab.

AMAN CHAUDHARY. J (Oral)

1. The prayer in the present Civil Writ Petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, is to issue a writ in the nature of mandamus, for directing the respondents to refix the date of regular appointment of the petitioners by counting their daily wages services for pension and to allot the GPF account number, alongside release of pensionary benefits in accordance with provisions of Punjab Civil Service Rules.
2. Learned counsel submits that all the petitioners, except Nos.23 and 24 have been granted the relief as sought for release of benefits under the Old Pension Scheme. The case is squarely covered by the judgment in **Municipal Council, Qadian vs. Musthaq Masih and others**, LPA-666-2022, dated 21.12.2023, decided relying on **Harbans Lal vs. State of Punjab and others**, 2012(3) SCT 362. He prays, on instructions that they would be satisfied, in case a direction is given to the respondents to decide the same in a time bound manner by granting them an opportunity of hearing.
3. Learned State counsel has no objection to the limited prayer

made.

4. In view of the aforesaid and without commenting upon the merits of the case, this petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to respondent No.1 to consider and decide the claim of the petitioners, Nos. 23 and 24, taking note of the aforesaid judgments as also the relief granted to other petitioners, within three months, and if found entitled, necessary benefit be released to them forthwith.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

04.04.2024
Hemant

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