



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

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**CWP-4308-2002 (O&M)
Date of decision : 21.08.2024**

The Cooperative Bank Employees Federation and othersPetitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and othersRespondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present : Mr. Simranjit Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner No.3.

Ms. Saguna Arora, A.A.G. Punjab
for respondents No.1 and 2.

Mr. Ashwani Prashar, Advocate
for respondent No.3 (through V.C.).

NAMIT KUMAR, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioners have filed the instant writ petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a writ of certiorari, quashing the letter dated 24.08.1998 (Annexure P-2) issued by respondent No.2 amending Rule 3.11 of the Punjab State Cooperative Financing Institutions Service (Common Cadre) Rules 1970-71 and the consequential letters of clarification dated 07.06.2001, 07.01.2002 and 23.01.2002 (Annexures P-8 to P-10) reducing gratuity to common cadre employees to the maximum limits fixed under the Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972. Further seeking a writ of mandamus, directing respondent No.2 to accord sanction and approval to the recommendations of the Board of Directors of respondent No.3 vide resolution dated 28.03.2001.



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2. On the last date of hearing, the following order was passed :-

*“Learned counsel for the respondent(s) submit that the present case is squarely covered by the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **SLP (C)-25208-2013 and other connected matters, titled as The Punjab State Cooperative Bank Versus Narinder Kumar Sharma and others, decided on 30.04.2024.***

There is no representation on behalf of the petitioner.

In the interest of justice, adjourned to 21.08.2024.

It is made clear that no further adjournment shall be granted on the next date of hearing.”

3. As per office report, notices sent to petitioners No.1 and 2 have not been received back served or otherwise, notice issued to petitioner No.3 has been served and notice issued to petitioner No.4 has been received back unserved with the report that he has retired from service.

4. Learned counsel for the parties are ad idem that the present petition be disposed of in the same terms as in **SLP (C)-25208-2013 and other connected matters, titled as The Punjab State Cooperative Bank Versus Narinder Kumar Sharma and others, decided on 30.04.2024.**

5. Ordered accordingly.

21.08.2024
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(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/reasoned Yes/No
Whether Reportable Yes/No