



CWP-7615-2023 (O&M) and other connected cases -1-

242+249 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

1) CWP-7615-2023 (O&M)
Date of decision: 14.11.2024

ASHOK GUPTA AND ORS. ...PETITIONERS

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS. ...RESPONDENTS

2) CWP-10857-2023 (O&M)

KAVITA WALIA AND ORS. ...PETITIONERS

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS. ...RESPONDENTS

3) CWP-11212-2023 (O&M)

JAGDISH CHANDER AND ORS. ...PETITIONERS

VERSUS

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4) CWP-18456-2023 (O&M)

HARJIT SINGH BAATH AND ORS. ...PETITIONERS

VERSUS

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5) CWP-19509-2023 (O&M)

JAGPAL SINGH AND ORS. ...PETITIONERS

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS. ...RESPONDENTS

6) CWP-19770-2023 (O&M)

PREM SINGH PREET AND ORS. ...PETITIONERS

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CWP-19839-2023 (O&M)

VINOD KUMAR SIKKA AND ORS. ...PETITIONERS

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS. ...RESPONDENTS
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CWP-19842-2023 (O&M)

VAKESH CHUGH AND ORS. ...PETITIONERS

VERSUS

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CWP-19857-2023 (O&M)

AVTAR SINGH AND ORS. ...PETITIONERS

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS. ...RESPONDENTS
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CWP-19858-2023 (O&M)

SHIV SAROOP WALIA AND ORS. ...PETITIONERS

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS. ...RESPONDENTS
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CWP-2020-2024 (O&M)

RANI DEVI ...PETITIONER

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS. ...RESPONDENTS
- 12)

CWP-28705-2023 (O&M)

KULDIP SINGH AND ORS. ...PETITIONERS

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13) CWP-18483-2023 (O&M)
SURESH KUMAR SHARMA AND ORS. ...PETITIONERS
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14) CWP-19190-2023 (O&M)
SUBASH MEHTA AND ORS. ...PETITIONERS
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15) CWP-20942-2023 (O&M)
MEHAR SINGH AND ORS. ...PETITIONERS
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16) CWP-20948-2023 (O&M)
SATNAM SINGH WALIA AND ORS. ...PETITIONERS
VERSUS
UNION OF INDIA AND ORS. ...RESPONDENTS

17) CWP-21177-2023 (O&M)
HAKAM SINGH AND ORS. ...PETITIONERS
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18) CWP-21504-2023 (O&M)
PAWAN KUMAR AND ORS. ...PETITIONERS
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CWP-21718-2024 (O&M)

HARJEET KAUR

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS.

...RESPONDENTS
- 20)

CWP-22142-2023 (O&M)

SOHAN SINGH AND ORS.

...PETITIONERS

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS.

...RESPONDENTS
- 21)

CWP-22146-2023 (O&M)

ANIL KAPUR AND ORS.

...PETITIONERS

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...RESPONDENTS
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CWP-22148-2023 (O&M)

BEANT SINGH PAUL AND ORS.

...PETITIONERS

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...RESPONDENTS
- 23)

CWP-22456-2023 (O&M)

DARSHANA SHARMA

...PETITIONER

VERSUS

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...RESPONDENTS
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CWP-22725-2023 (O&M)

MOHAN LAL AND ORS.

...PETITIONERS

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...RESPONDENTS



25) CWP-22756-2023 (O&M)
TIRATH RAM ...PETITIONER
VERSUS
UNION OF INDIA AND ORS. ...RESPONDENTS

26) CWP-23175-2023 (O&M)
ASHOK KUMAR BHALLA ...PETITIONER
VERSUS
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27) CWP-23478-2023 (O&M)
TARSEM SINGH AND ORS. ...PETITIONERS
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28) CWP-23909-2023 (O&M)
HARKHAYAL SINGH ...PETITIONER
VERSUS
UNION OF INDIA AND ORS. ...RESPONDENTS

29) CWP-23974-2023 (O&M)
BALBIR SINGH AND ORS. ...PETITIONERS
VERSUS
UNION OF INDIA AND ORS. ...RESPONDENTS

30) CWP-24898-2023 (O&M)
SAVITA KIRAN SAWHNEY ...PETITIONER
VERSUS
UNION OF INDIA AND ORS. ...RESPONDENTS



31) CWP-24906-2023 (O&M)
SURINDER SINGH WADHAWAN AND ORS. ...PETITIONERS
VERSUS
UNION OF INDIA AND ORS. ...RESPONDENTS

32) CWP-24967-2023 (O&M)
DEEPAK GILL AND ORS. ...PETITIONERS
VERSUS
UNION OF INDIA AND ORS. ...RESPONDENTS

33) CWP-25415-2023 (O&M)
JANG BAHADUR AND ORS. ...PETITIONERS
VERSUS
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34) CWP-25667-2023 (O&M)
ABHAY KUMAR AGGARWAL AND ORS. ...PETITIONERS
VERSUS
UNION OF INDIA AND ORS. ...RESPONDENTS

35) CWP-25970-2023 (O&M)
VEERO DEVI ...PETITIONER
VERSUS
UNION OF INDIA AND ORS. ...RESPONDENTS

36) CWP-26378-2023 (O&M)
RAKESH KUMAR SHARMA AND ORS. ...PETITIONERS
VERSUS
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37) CWP-26739-2023 (O&M)
DHARAM SINGH AND ORS. ...PETITIONERS

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38) CWP-27488-2023 (O&M)
PREM SINGH AND ORS. ...PETITIONERS

VERSUS

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39) CWP-27649-2023 (O&M)
BALWINDER KAUR ...PETITIONER

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS. ...RESPONDENTS

40) CWP-20106-2024 (O&M)
SHINGARA SINGH SEKHON ...PETITIONER

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS. ...RESPONDENTS

41) CWP-18174-2023
SHASHI KANT BALI AND ORS. ...PETITIONERS

VERSUS

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS. ...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. Sanjiv Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioners in CWP-7615, CWP-10857-2023, CWP-22146-2023,
CWP-23909-2023 and CWP-18174-2023.

Mr. A.S. Walia, Advocate for the petitioner(s)
in CWP-20948, 21504, 22142, 22148, 22725 and 26739-2023.

Mr. Jai Vir Yadav, Sr. Advocate with
Mr. Tarun Yadav, Advocate for petitioner(s) in CWP-19190-2023,
CWP-11212-2023 and CWP-24967-2023.

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Mr. Parveen Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioner(s) in CWP-27649-24906, 24898-2023 and
CWP-2020-2024.

Mr. Naveen Kumar, Advocate
for the petitioner in CWP-23175-2023.

Mr. Brajesh Kumar Kaundal, Advocate and
Mr. Arjun Kundra, Advocate for the petitioner(s)
in CWP-20106-2024 and CWP-21718-2024.

Mr. Lovedev Singh, Advocate for the petitioner(s)
in CWP-21177, 23478, 25667, and CWP-27488-2023.

Mr. Surinder Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner in CWP-28705-2023.

Ms. Divya Sharma, Advocate (Through video conferencing)
for the petitioner in CWP-22456-2023.

Mr. Rajesh Hooda, Advocate
for respondents No.2 to 4 (in CWP-18456-19509-2023)
for respondents No.2 and 3 (in CWP-19770-2023)
for respondents No.2 to 5 (in CWP-19839-19842-19858- 2023) and
for respondents No.2 to 6 (in CWP-19857-2023).

Mr. Himmat Singh, Advocate
for respondent No.5 in CWP-18456-2023.

Mr. Ravi Sodhi, Advocate, Senior Panel Counsel,
for the respondent-UOI in CWP-26378, 26739 and 27488-2023.

Mr. Viney Kumar, Advocate for
Mr. Sunish Bindlish, Advocate
for respondent No.4 (in CWP-18174-2023, CWP-7615-2023,
CWP-10857- 2023, CWP-22146-2023) and
for respondent No.6 (in CWP-24967-2023).

Mr. Rahul Verma, Advocate
for respondent No.5 (in CWP-26378-2023).

Ms. Aneesha Sharma, Advocate for
Mr. Sarthak Gupta, Advocate
for respondent No.5 in CWP-22146-2023.

Mr. Kavinder S. Chhibber, Advocate for
Mr. T.V.S. Lehal, Advocate for
respondent-Markfed (in CWP-23478-2023) and
(in CWP-22756-2023).

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Mr. Amaninder Preet, Advocate
for respondent No.4 – MARKFED in CWP-19190 and 23175-2023.

Mr. Drishtana Singh, Advocate
for respondent No.4 in CWP-20106-2024 and CWP-21718-2024.

Mr. S.S. Brar, Advocate
for respondent No.4 in CWP-21504-2023.

Mr. Subhash Ahuja, Advocate for respondent No.5
in CWP-25970-2023.

Mr. Anand Vardhan Khanna, Advocate
for respondent No.7 in CWP-25667-2023.

Mr. Ayush Koul, Advocate
for respondent No.4 in CWP-21177-2023 and
for respondent No.6 in CWP-27488-2023.

Mr. B.S. Patwalia, Advocate for respondent No.4
(in CWP-27649- 2023, CWP-24898-2023 and CWP-2020-2024) and
for respondent No.5 (in CWP-24906-2023).

Mr. Aman Sharma, Advocate and
Mr. Chirag Suri, Advocate for respondent – PWRMDC
(in CWP-19509-2023, CWP-28705-2023, CWP-19858-2023,
CWP-20948-2023, CWP-21504-2023, CWP-22142-2023 and
CWP-22456-2023).

NAMIT KUMAR ,J. (ORAL)

1. This order shall dispose of the above mentioned petitions as the similar questions of law and facts are involved therein for adjudication. For the sake of convenience, facts are being culled out from **CWP No.7615-2023** titled as '**Ashok Gupta and ors. vs. Union of India and ors.**'

2. The instant petition has been filed by the petitioners under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, seeking a writ in the nature of certiorari, quashing the letter dated 06.02.2023 (Annexure P-2), issued to petitioner No.1 as well as the similar notices issued to other petitioners, vide which the pension of the petitioners is sought to be reduced without any basis and without considering the mandate of law. Further a writ of mandamus has been sought for directing the



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respondents to pay back the amount unlawfully deducted from the pension of the petitioners from the month of January, 2023 onwards immediately and the pension of the petitioners be kept intact.

3. Mr. Sunish Bindlish, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of respondent No.4-Punjab Agro Industries Corporation Ltd. and filed reply in the Court today which is taken on record.

4. Learned counsel for the respondent- Employees Provident Fund Commissioner submits that he wishes to adopt the reply filed by respondent No.4 in CWP-7615-2023.

5. Allowed to do so.

6. Learned counsel for the parties are ad idem that the present case is squarely covered by the judgment rendered by a Co-ordinate Bench of this Court in **CWP-5378-2024** titled as ***Inderjit Singh Kaknian and others Versus Union of India and others and other connected cases***, decided on **12.09.2024**.

7. Disposed of in the same terms as **CWP-5378-2024** titled as ***Inderjit Singh Kaknian and others Versus Union of India and others and other connected cases***, decided on **12.09.2024**.

8. Pending application(s), if any, also stand disposed of.

14.11.2024
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(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

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