

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

Date of Decision : 12-08-2024

.....Petitioner

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Mr. Swapan Shorey, DAG Punjab.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI, J. (Oral)

In the present petition, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was appointed as a Driver in the year 1999 and his services were regularised on 04.07.2019 (Annexure P-2) from the year 2011 hence, the petitioner is entitled for consideration of pensionary benefits under the Old Pension Scheme keeping in view the judgment of the Division Bench of this Court in CWP No.2371 of 2010 titled ***“Harbans Lal Vs. State of Punjab”***, decided on 31.08.2010.

Upon notice of motion, respondents have filed reply wherein it has been mentioned that the claim of the petitioner for the grant of pensionary benefits under the Old Pension Scheme are under consideration and will be finalised soon.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as the petitioner has already retired from service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.03.2023, the petitioner is facing difficulties to lead a dignified life.

Keeping in view the fact that respondents have undertaken that the claim of the petitioner is being considered in view of the judgment in *Harbans Lal's case (supra)*, the respondents are directed to conclude the said consideration within a period of 8 weeks from the receipt of copy of this order and in case the claim of the petitioner is found to be covered under the judgment in *Harbans Lal's case (supra)*, all the benefits admissible to the petitioner be released within a period of 8 weeks thereafter.

Ordered accordingly.

Pending application, if any, also stands disposed off.

12-08-2024
Sapna Goyal

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

NOTE: Whether speaking: YES/NO
 Whether reportable: YES/NO