



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

CWP No.25615 of 2024 (O&M)  
Date of Decision: 04.12.2024

BALDEV RAJ AND ORS .....Petitioners

Versus

UNION OF INDIA AND ORS .....Respondents

**CORAM :** **HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL**  
**HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK MANCHANDA**

Present: Mr. Parveen Kumar, Advocate,  
for the petitioners.

Ms. Promila Nain, Senior Panel Counsel and  
Mr. Harveen Mehta, Advocate and  
Mr. Amit Thakur, Advocate,  
for the respondents-UI.

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**DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (Oral)**

1. Learned counsel for the parties are in agreement that the issue(s) and the question(s) of law raised through this petition have been considered and decided on 27.11.2024 by a co-ordinate Bench of this Court in a bunch of petitions in which the lead case was ***CWP No.9426 of 2023 – Shila Devi and others Versus State of Punjab and others.***



2. In the light of the above, we dispose of this petition in terms of ***Shila Devi's case*** (supra) with the only modification that wherever in paragraphs 29 and 30 of the judgment in ***Shila Devi's case*** (supra) the reference is to the State of Punjab, the same be read as the Union of India.
3. All pending miscellaneous application(s) also stand disposed of.

**(DEEPAK SIBAL)**  
**JUDGE**

**(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)**  
**JUDGE**

**04.12.2024**  
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned : Yes/No  
Whether Reportable : Yes/No