

Court No. 10
21.11.2025
Item No.01
PA (Chamber)

WPA No. 22929 of 2025

**Board of Trustees,
Alloy Steels Plant Provident Fund Trust
VS
Union of India & Ors.**

Mr. A.S. Aniruddha
... for the Petitioner

Mr. Lakshmi Kanta Pal
...for the Respondent

Mr. Shiv Chandra Prasad
... for the PF Authority

1. Heard the parties through their respective counsels.

2. The instant writ petition prays for a direction upon respondents not to give any effect to the letter dated 27.02.2025 and also sought for further direction upon the said respondent to process and approve the joint option forms for higher pension in strict compliance with the statutory provision of section 17 and 27A of the Employees Provident Fund and Misc. Provision Act, 1952 including the Hon'ble Supreme Court decision in Employees Provident Fund Origination and another vs. Sunil Kumar B. and Ors.

3. By an order dated 25.9.2025 passed by the co-ordinate Bench of this Court was pleased to pass an order with an observation that “The pending disposal of the writ application, the pension received by the petitioner herein shall be continued until further orders subject to the final decision of this Court in the Writ Application.”

4. The main issue pertains to quashing of the rejection order dated 27.02.2025 along with the clarification No. 2 of EPFO Circular dated 18.01.2025.

5. The petitioner submits that already coordinate bench of this Court has delivered a judgment dated 14.11.2025 considering the self same issue involved herein in some other matters which were heard analogously.

6. Since the issues have already been addressed and considered by the coordinate bench of this Hon’ble Court, to avoid prolixity this Court finds that no interference is warranted at this stage and can be disposed of in the light of the judgment dated 14.11.2025 by placing reliance upon the paragraph Nos. namely 189 to 200 of the judgment and order dated 14.11.2025.

7. The writ petition is disposed of.

(SMITA DAS DE, J.)