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Mr. Rajesh Hooda, Advocate, for the respondents.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

1. By this common order, 10 writ petitions, the details of which have been given in the heading, are being disposed of as all these petitions involve the same question of law on similar facts.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner(s) submits that the colleagues of the petitioner(s) approached this Court by filing various writ petitions which were disposed of by the Coordinate Bench of this Court while passing order in ***CWP No.971 of 2021 titled as Ashok Kumar Mahajan vs. Regional Provident Fund Commissioner, Chandigarh and others and other connected cases, decided on 05.11.2024***, copy of which order has been appended with this petition as Annexure P-5 hence, the respondent-Provident Fund Authorities are also liable to consider the claim of the petitioner(s) as well on the same analogy otherwise, similar employees of the same institution will be treated differently which will amount to discrimination.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner(s) further submits that as of now, no decision has been taken by the respondents qua the writ petitions which have been disposed of by the Coordinate Bench of this Court hence, it will be in the interest of justice that while deciding the claim of the employees keeping in view the decision of the Coordinate Bench of this Court in ***Ashok Kumar Mahajan's case (supra)***, the claim of the petitioner(s) is also considered along with them.

4. Notice of motion.

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5. Mr. Rajesh Hooda, Advocate, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.

6. Learned counsel for the respondents submits that the claim of the petitioner(s) will also be considered keeping in view the direction given by the Coordinate Bench of this Court in ***Ashok Kumar Mahajan's case (supra)*** and whatever decision is taken qua the petitioners therein, the same will be taken in case of the present petitioners as well in case found similarly situated.

7. Learned counsel for the petitioner(s) submits that with regard to the deposit of the contribution, whatever the direction will come from the Provident Fund Authorities, the same will be complied with by the petitioner(s) without fail in case, the claim of the petitioner(s) is allowed by them.

8. Keeping in view the above, the present writ petitions are disposed of in terms of the order passed in ***Ashok Kumar Mahajan's case (supra)***.

9. A photocopy of this order be placed on the file of other connected cases.

February 19, 2025
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes
Whether reportable : No