



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

- (1)

CWP-1688-2017

Prem Lata Bindra

.....Petitioner

Versus

Panjab University, Chandigarh and others

.....Respondents
- (2)

CWP-1386-2018 (O&M)

Professor (Retd.) Dr. R.D. Anand

.....Petitioner

Versus

Panjab University, Chandigarh and others

.....Respondents
- (3)

CWP-2024-2018

S.P. Khullar and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

Panjab University, Chandigarh

.....Respondent
- (4)

CWP-2009-2018

P.K. Mittal and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

Panjab University, Chandigarh

.....Respondent
- (5)

CWP-4087-2018

Devi Dayal Bansal and others

.....Petitioners

Versus

Panjab University, Chandigarh

.....Respondent



(6)	CWP-4088-2018
J.P. Semwal and others	Petitioners
Versus	
Panjab University, Chandigarh	Respondent
(7)	CWP-5126-2018 (O&M)
Dr. Ravi Inder Malhotra and others	Petitioners
Versus	
Panjab University, Chandigarh and others	Respondents
(8)	CWP-6031-2018
Professor (Retd.) Dr. Ved Parkash Kapila	Petitioner
Versus	
Panjab University, Chandigarh	Respondent
(9)	CWP-6032-2018
Professor (Retd.) Dr. Surinder Paul Kapila	Petitioner
Versus	
Panjab University, Chandigarh	Respondent
(10)	CWP-6838-2018
Dr. G.L. Kad and others	Petitioners
Versus	
Panjab University, Chandigarh and others	Respondents



Date of decision : 05.08.2025

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE

Present: Mr. A.S. Talwar, Advocate (arguing counsel), and
Mr. Abhijeet Singh Rawaley, Advocate,
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for respondent No.1 – University in CWP-1688-2017.

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SHEEL NAGU, CHIEF JUSTICE (Oral)

1. This bunch of petitions assails different orders issued by the respondent University, ordering recovery of certain amounts, which allegedly were received by the petitioners in excess for the period from 01.01.2016 till 31.12.2016.

1.1 The impugned orders reveal that aforesaid exercise was carried out pursuant to order dated 11.08.2016 passed by the Assistant Controller (Local Audit), Local Audit Department, Chandigarh Administration, which in turn drew strength from the Notification dated 13.08.2015 issued by the Punjab Government, where pension/family pension of pre-31.12.2016 retirees was decided to be re-fixed.

2. The Registrar of the respondent University filed an affidavit dated 28.08.2024, accompanied by Annexure A-1. Paragraph 3 of the affidavit reveals thus :



“3. It is also worth mentioning that there are a large number of pensioners i.e. approximately 200 (including 132 petitioners in the present bunch of cases) whose pension is required to be revised/refixed by the Panjab University, in view of the adoption of the Punjab Government Notification No. 2/37/2019-2FPPC/1883 dated 23.10.2019 and the Panjab University has already started the process to revise/refix the pension of the petitioners and other affected pensioners. However, since the affected persons are large in number, therefore, the process to revise/refix the pension may take some time as revised calculation sheet of each pensioner has to be put up for “pre-auditing” to the office of Assistant Controller (Local Audit), ACLA, UT Chandigarh for checking and verification. After the verification of the revised calculation sheet of the revised basic pension of each of the pensioner, the corrigendum of the revised pension is forwarded to the Central Pension Processing Cell (CPPC) SBI, Panchkula through the designated branch of SBI, Sector 14, Panjab University for disbursement of pension after obtaining necessary approvals from the official channels. Thereafter as per the approved procedure, the revised pension is paid/credited to the account of the concerned pensioner on the first day of each subsequent month.”

2.1 The reply filed by the respondent University further reveals that foundation, on the basis of which the impugned orders were issued, was the Notification dated 13.08.2015 issued by the Punjab Government, which was subsequently withdrawn vide Notification dated 23.10.2019, pursuant to which the respondent University adopting the aforesaid Notification of the Punjab Government decided not to press the impugned orders and to undertake the exercise of re-fixation of pension/family pension of pre-31.12.2016 retirees.



Since the number of such retirees was large, some time was sought by the respondent University, which was granted on 03.09.2024.

3. Accordingly, the consequential order revising the pension/family pension was passed by the respondent University on 18.09.2024, whereafter the question of arrears remained to be decided, which learned counsel for respondent University has fairly submitted would take some further time to be calculated and paid.

4. In view of the aforesaid, this Court by way of writ of mandamus directs the respondent University to pay arrears to the petitioners arising out of the above re-fixation, which took place in September, 2024, within a period of three months, failing which the said arrears would carry interest at the rate of 18% per annum with effect from 16.01.2018.

4.1 The respondent University is free to apply benefit flowing from this order to all equally situated pensioners/family pensioners. The University is also free to approach the State of Punjab for obtaining necessary funds.

4.2 As a necessary consequence, the orders impugned in this bunch of petitions stand quashed.

5. Accordingly, all the petitions stand disposed of.

6. Pending applications also stand disposed of.

(SHEEL NAGU)
CHIEF JUSTICE

August 05, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No