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

CWP-25999-2025**Date of Decision: 03.09.2025**

Sukhdev Singh and others

...Petitioners

vs.

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice N.S.Shekhawat

Present : Mr. Nitesh Singla, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Charanpreet Singh, AAG, Punjab.

N.S.Shekhawat J. (Oral)

1. The petitioners have filed the present writ petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India with a prayer to issue a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents-State to implement the Old Pension Scheme (OPS) qua the petitioners in view of notification dated 18.11.2022 (Annexure P-3), whereby the Department of Finance had decided to grant the benefit of Old Pension Scheme to all the employees, who were covered under the National Pension Scheme (NPS). Further prayer was made to direct the respondent-Department/Competent Authorities to release the amount of CPF contribution made by the petitioners under the National Pension Scheme alongwith interest.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners have submitted a Legal Notice dated 18.03.2025 (Annexure P-6) to the respondents, but no decision has been conveyed to them, so far. He further contends that at this stage, he shall be satisfied in case, appropriate directions

are issued to the respondent No.2 to decide the Legal Notice dated 18.03.2025 (Annexure P-6) in a time bound manner.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Charanpreet Singh, AAG, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and he has no serious objection to the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners, at this stage.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the record carefully.

6. At this stage, Respondent No.2 is directed to decide the legal notice dated 18.03.2025 (Annexure P-6) within a period of four months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. It is expected that respondent No.2 shall pass a speaking and well-reasoned order by taking into consideration the relevant rules, instructions and the settled law. In case, the petitioners are found entitled to any consequential benefit, the same shall also be granted to them, forthwith.

7. The present petition is disposed of, accordingly.

(N.S.SHEKHAWAT)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No