



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

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CWP-26233-2025

Decided On: 11.09.2025

JOGINDER SINGH

....PETITIONER(s)

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

....RESPONDENT(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present: Dr. Pankaj Nanhera, Advocate with
Mr. Yogesh Vashista, Advocate
for the petitioner.

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA J.(Oral)

The petition has been filed, *inter alia*, seeking a writ of *certiorari* quashing the order dated 31.05.2023, Annexure P-18, passed by the respondent/University, whereby the petitioner's claim for granting the benefits under the Old Pension Scheme by counting his previous service rendered as Lecturer in the Department of Library and Information Science, Bundelkhand University, Jhansi, has been rejected.

2. Learned counsel contended that the petitioner was initially appointed as Lecturer in the Bundelkhand University, Jhansi, in regular scale of pay after due selection vide letter dated 29.10.1999, Annexure P-1. Thereafter, he was selected in the respondent/University as Lecturer in the Department of Library and Information Science, and was issued a letter of appointment dated 25.10.2007, Annexure P-6. He joined the University and is presently working as Professor in the Department. In terms of law laid down by this Court in *Dr. Narinder Kaur v. Central Administrative Tribunal and*



others, 2016 (2) SCT 777, he is entitled to get his previous service counted as qualifying service for the benefits of Old Pension Scheme. However, his representation dated 11.05.2023 to that effect has been rejected vide impugned order dated 31.05.2023 by a non-speaking cryptic order.

3. As per the facts aforementioned, apparently, the petitioner’s claim has been rejected without citing any reason, which is in violation of the Principles of Natural Justice. The University authorities are required to consider the petitioner’s claim in the light of law laid down by this Court in *Dr. Narinder Kaur* case *ibid.* and take appropriate action.

4. Accordingly, at this stage, the petition is disposed of directing the fourth respondent/Registrar, Kurukshetra University, to decide the petitioner’s representation dated 02.02.2012, Annexure P-15, and pass a reasoned order keeping in view the law aforementioned within a period of three months of receiving certified copy of the order, and take appropriate action in terms therewith, as may be required.

11.09.2025
Ad

(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned?
Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No