



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

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CWP-6609-2001 (O&M)
Date of decision : 09.04.2026

Baldev Singh and others

....Petitioners

V/S

State of Punjab and another

....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. Gaurav Sharma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Satnampreet Singh Chauhan, D.A.G., Punjab.

NAMIT KUMAR, J. (ORAL)

1. In pursuance to the order dated 18.03.2026, Sh. Kumar Rahul IAS, Principal Secretary, Department of Health and Family Welfare, Punjab is present in the Court and has filed reply on behalf of respondents No.1 & 2, which is taken on record. He apologized for delay in filing the reply in the present case and assured the Court that in future all replies relating to his department shall be filed in time without any delay.

2. The petitioners have filed the instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to protect the amount of House Rent Allowance being drawn by the petitioners till the rate of House Rent Allowance gets adjusted in the maximum rates.

3. Learned State counsel, on instructions, submits that during the pendency of the present petition, all the petitioners, except petitioners No.8 & 42, have retired from service and their House Rent

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Allowance has not been reduced nor any recovery has been effected from them. Even the House Rent Allowance of petitioners No.8 & 42, who are still in service, shall not be reduced and no recovery shall be effected from them.

4. In view of the statement made by learned State counsel, learned counsel for the petitioners wishes to withdraw the instant petition.

5. Pending application, if any, shall stand disposed of accordingly.

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JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No