



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

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CWP-7612-2026

Date of decision : 13.03.2026

Shakuntla Devi

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. R.K. Arya, Advocate for the petitioner.

NAMIT KUMAR J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioner under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus, directing the respondents to grant the petitioner all retiral benefits such as gratuity, leave encashment, GPF, GIS, family pension along with arrears and other admissible benefits with interest @ 18% per annum taking into consideration entire service rendered by her prior to her regularization.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that for redressal of her grievances, the petitioner has also served legal notice dated 02.01.2026 (Annexure P-5) to the respondents which is still pending consideration. He further submits that at this stage, the petitioner would be satisfied, if appropriate directions are issued to the respondents to consider and decide the said legal notice, by passing a speaking order, in a time bound manner.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Charanpreet Singh, A.A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on

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behalf of the respondents-State. He has no objection to the innocuous prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record of the case.

6. Without going into the merits of the case at this stage, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to consider and decide legal notice dated 02.01.2026 (Annexure P-5) submitted by the petitioner expeditiously, by passing a speaking order after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner, preferably within a period of 06 weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. Further, the decision taken thereon shall be conveyed to the petitioner. Needless to say, if the petitioner is found entitled to the relief sought, the same shall be granted to her within a period of 01 month thereafter.

13.03.2026
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(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

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