



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

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CWP-7691-2026

Date of decision : 13.03.2026

Meena Rani

....Petitioner

Versus

Punjabi University and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. Hardeep Singh, 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 a writ of mandamus, directing the respondent-University to count the service rendered by the petitioner prior to her regularization i.e. from 03.10.2001 to 29.12.2006 on daily wage basis and from 29.12.2006 to 19.12.2013 on ad hoc basis, towards qualifying service for the purpose of pensionary benefits and to pay the petitioner full pension, gratuity and leave encashment and other consequential benefits. Further to pay the retiral benefits such as gratuity and leave encashment to the petitioner along with interest @ 18% per annum as the petitioner retired on 31.08.2022 and till date the respondents have not paid the retiral benefits to the petitioner.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that for redressal of her grievances, the petitioner has also served legal notice dated 12.01.2026 (Annexure P-4) 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

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consider and decide the said legal notice, by passing a speaking order, in a time bound manner.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Satyam Sharda, Advocate has put in appearance and accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3. Mr. Surya Kumar, A.A.G., Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.4. They have 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.1 to consider and decide legal notice dated 12.01.2026 (Annexure P-4) submitted by the petitioner expeditiously, by passing a speaking order after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioner, preferably within a period of 03 months 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