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

CWP-11014-2025

Date of decision: 07.05.2026

Acharya Shambhu Nath Shastri

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Ms. Kashika Maheshwary, Advocate, for
Mr. Ashutosh Bhardwaj, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Mr. Swapan Shorey, DAG, Punjab.

NAMIT KUMAR, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus, directing the respondents to grant the benefits of pay revision in accordance with the recommendations of the 7th Pay Commission, which has been adopted by the State of Punjab, Department of Higher Education with effect from 01.01.2016 vide notification dated 28.09.2022 (Annexure P-10). Further, a writ in the nature of mandamus has been sought directing the respondents to pay the arrears of salary and other pensionary/retiral benefits like revised gratuity etc. along with interest @ 18% from the date of issuance of notification (Annexure P-10) till actual payment.

2. Learned State counsel has produced a copy of letter dated 02.03.2026 addressed by the Principal, N.J.S.A. Government College

Kapurthala, Punjab, to the Director, Higher Education, Punjab, Mohali, along with the documents, whereby the pay of the petitioner has been fixed in the revised pay scales w.e.f. 01.01.2016. The same is taken on record. He, on instructions from Mr. Rajender Kumar, Senior Assistant (Director Higher Education and Colleges), submits that due arrears on fixation of pay in the revised pay scales w.e.f. 01.01.2016 shall be released to the petitioner within a period of two months from today and further submits that the instant petition has been rendered infructuous.

3. In view of the said development, the instant petition is disposed of as having been rendered infructuous. However, if the due arrears are not paid to the petitioner within two months, the petitioner shall be at liberty to revive the present petition.

(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

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