



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

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CWP-14289-2026

Date of decision : 08.05.2026

Laxmi Jain and others

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. Mukul Aggarwal, Advocate for the petitioners.

NAMIT KUMAR J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioners under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to count the past service of the petitioners, rendered by them prior to the taking over of college by the Government, for the purpose of fixing their retiral benefits including pension, higher pay scale etc. in terms of the UGC Notification dated 24.12.1998 (Annexure P-11) and the judgements rendered by this Court in CWP-5615-2001, CWP-4286-2003 & CWP-15383-2019 (Annexures P-14 to P-16, respectively). Further, seeking issuance of a writ of certiorari for quashing the Clause (P) of the Notification dated 20.10.1997 (Annexure P-1) issued by the Punjab Government.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that for redressal of their grievances, the petitioners have also submitted representation dated 20.10.2025 (Annexure P-13) to the respondents which is still pending consideration. He further submits that at this stage, the petitioners would be satisfied, if appropriate directions are



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issued to the respondents to consider and decide the said representation, by passing a speaking order, in a time bound manner.

3. Notice of motion.
4. Mr. Swapan Shorey, D.A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-State. He has no objection to the innocuous prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners.
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 representation dated 20.10.2025 (Annexure P-13) submitted by the petitioners expeditiously, by passing a speaking order after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioners, preferably within a period of 04 months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. Further, the decision taken thereon shall be conveyed to the petitioners.

08.05.2026
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(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

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