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

(123)**CWP-14708-2026****Date of Decision : May 12, 2026****Union of India and others****.. Petitioners****Versus****Sant Lal and another****.. Respondents**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK MANCHANDA**

Present: Mr. Rohit Verma, Sr. Panel Counsel, for the petitioners.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

1. In the present writ petition, the challenge is to the order dated 18.05.2023 (Annexure P-1) passed by respondent No.2- Armed Forces Tribunal, Regional Bench, Chandigarh (hereinafter referred to as 'the Tribunal') by which, the benefit of counting the service rendered by him in Defence Security Corps (DSC) in 1st and 2nd spell, have been directed to be taken into consideration, so as to compute the pensionary benefits admissible to him.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the said benefit granted by the Tribunal is incorrect as there was a gap in 1st and 2nd spell of service rendered by respondent No.1 in DSC and therefore, the same is liable to be set aside.

3 We have heard learned counsel for the petitioners and have gone through the record with his able assistance.

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4. The factum that respondent No.1 had worked in DSC in two spells, the total of which service rendered comes to 15 years and 316 days is not in dispute.

5. The question is whether both the spell of service can be combined for computing the pensionary benefits or not.

6. The Tribunal for the grant of benefit has relied upon Regulation 126, Pension Regulations for the Army 1961 (Part I and II), which has also been reproduced in paragraph 6 of the impugned order dated 18.05.2023 (Annexure P-1). According to the said Regulation, both the spell of service rendered can be combined for computing the pensionary benefits. The said fact and the finding recorded by the Tribunal has not been rebutted by the learned counsel for the petitioners.

7. Hence, in the absence of any perversity being pointed out in the impugned order dated 18.05.2023 (Annexure P-1) either on the basis of the facts or the Rules governing the issue, no ground is made out for any interference by this Court in the facts and circumstances of the present case.

8. Accordingly, the writ petition is dismissed.

9. Civil miscellaneous application pending if any, also stands disposed of.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

May 12, 2026
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(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes
Whether reportable : No