



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

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CWP-15612-2026

Date of decision : 19.05.2026

Manoj Kumar

....Petitioner

V/S

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Ms. Alka Chatrath, Advocate with
Ms. Dhamanpreet Kaur, Advocate for the petitioner.

NAMIT KUMAR, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioner has filed the instant petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking issuance of a writ of certiorari for quashing the order dated 24/26.02.2026 (Annexure P-12), passed by respondent No.3-District Education Officer (SE), Pathankot, whereby claim of the petitioner for grant him benefit of Old Pension Scheme, has been rejected.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner was granted the benefit of his earlier service from 07.12.2002 to 08.12.2011 (09 years and 01 day) as qualifying service for the purpose of pensionary benefits, vide order dated 22.11.2024 (Annexure P-5). The petitioner further made a claim that he should be granted the benefits of Old Pension Scheme and while considering the said claim, the order dated 22.11.2024 (Annexure P-5) granting the benefit of earlier service to the petitioner, has been withdrawn, vide impugned



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order dated 24/26.02.2026 (Annexure P-12) in violation of the principles of natural justice as neither any show cause notice was issued to the petitioner nor an opportunity of personal hearing was afforded.

3. On receipt of advance copy of the petition, Mr. Swapan Shorey, D.A.G., Punjab has put in appearance on behalf of the respondents-State and on instructions from Ms. Shashi Garg, AR(L) O/o DSE(S), Punjab, submits that the order dated 24/26.02.2026 shall be treated as withdrawn and the claim of the petitioner shall be re-considered by respondent No.3 by passing a fresh order after adhering to the principles of natural justice, within a period of 03 months from today.

4. Disposed of in the above terms.

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(NAMIT KUMAR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No