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

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Date of Decision: **22.05.2026**

Balwan Singh

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

State of Haryana and others

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present : Mr. G.S. Gopera, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Piyush Khanna, Addl. AG Haryana
for the respondent-State.

Mr. Vikrant Pamboo, Advocate
for respondents No.2 to 4.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (Oral)

1. The present writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of an appropriate writ, order or direction, particularly in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondents to grant the benefit of switching over to the Old Pension Scheme after

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exercise of one-time option in terms of memorandum dated 08.05.2023 (Annexure P-6), on the ground that the petitioner is similarly situated to a large number of employees who have already been extended the said benefit pursuant to judgments dated 16.09.2024, 01.07.2025 and 12.01.2026 (Annexures P-7 to P-9). The denial of the same benefit to the petitioner is arbitrary, discriminatory and violative of Articles 14, 16 and 21 of the Constitution of India.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he would be satisfied if the representation dated 20.04.2026 (Annexure P-10) of the petitioner is decided by the respondents by passing a speaking order in a time bound manner.

3. Mr. Piyush Khanna, Addl. AG Haryana and Mr. Vikrant Pamboo, Advocate appearing on behalf of respondent-State and respondents No.2 to 4 on advanced notice, submits that they have no objection in case a direction is issued to the respondents for time-bound consideration and decision of the representation of the petitioner by passing a speaking order.

4. Therefore, in view of the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioner, the respondent No.3 is directed to consider the representation dated 20.04.2026 (Annexure P-10) of the petitioner and pass a speaking order, after affording him an opportunity to be heard, within a

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period of 03 months from the date of receiving a certified copy of this order.

Further, the decision taken thereof shall be conveyed to the petitioner.

5. Needless to say, if the petitioner is found entitled to the relief sought, the same shall be granted forthwith by the respondents.

6. Disposed of, accordingly.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

22.05.2026

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