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

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Date of Decision :04.05.2026

Union of India and others

...Petitioners

Versus

Ex. Naik (TS) Zile Singh and another

...Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Vikas Sharma, Senior Panel Counsel  
for the petitioners-UI.

Mr. Anuj Tanwar, Advocate for respondent No.1.

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**Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)**

1. In the present petition, the challenge is to the impugned order dated 06.02.2023 (Annexure P-1) passed by respondent No.2-Armed Forces Tribunal, Regional Bench Chandigarh (hereinafter referred to as 'the Tribunal') by which, a direction has been given by the Tribunal to release the service pension to respondent No.1, who is a convicted employee only on the ground that he has been granted the benefit of bail.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per the settled principle of law, the pension of a convicted employee can be stopped under the regulations and in the present case, after the conviction of respondent No.1, his pension was stopped and after being released on bail, he claimed the benefit of restoration of his pension, which has been accepted by the Tribunal hence, the impugned order dated 06.02.2023 (Annexure P-1) passed by the Tribunal is incorrect as, even while being released on bail,



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respondent No.1 remained a convicted person, to whom the benefit of restoration of pension is impermissible.

3. Learned counsel for the respondent No.1 submits that a liberty be given to respondent No.1 to agitate his claim for restoration of his pension in case, he is acquitted by the competent Court of law as his appeal is still pending.

4. Keeping in view the above, impugned order dated 06.02.2023 (Annexure P/1) is set aside. However, a liberty is given to respondent No.1 to agitate in case, after the decision of the appeal filed by respondent No.1 against his conviction, any right accrues to respondent No.1 to claim the benefit of pension.

5. Present petition stands allowed.

6. Pending application(s), if any, stands disposed of.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)  
JUDGE

(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)  
JUDGE

May 04, 2026

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*Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes*

*Whether reportable : No*