



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

CWP-35040-2024 (O&M)

Date of decision: 20.04.2026

Pitanjal Kumar

....Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present: Mr. Abhijeet Chaudhary, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sahil R. Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

KULDEEP TIWARI, J. (Oral)

1. Aggrieved by the order dated 03.12.2024 (Annexure P-10), whereby, pension of the petitioner has been reduced from Rs.41,800/- to Rs.38,360/-, he has approached this Court by way of instant writ petition, as cast under Article 226 of the Constitution of India.
2. Vide order dated 20.12.2024, while issuing notice of motion, a Coordinate Bench, stayed the operation of the impugned order.
3. Principally, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the impugned order has been passed without affording any opportunity of hearing, or issuing any show cause notice to the petitioner, therefore, it suffers from infraction of principles of natural justice.
4. Learned State counsel, though joins issues on merits, but fairly concedes the violation of principles of natural justice. Therefore, he submits that the impugned order will be re-considered by the authorities concerned.
5. In view of the above, this Court is not required to delve into the merits of the matter. Accordingly, the impugned order is **set aside**, and the authority concerned is directed to pass a fresh order, after strictly adhering to the principles of natural justice, but within three months from the receipt of a certified copy of this order. Further, the petitioner shall

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also be at liberty to file his response to the show cause notice, which shall be issued to him by the authorities, in the process of drawing a fresh order.

6. Before concluding the matter, this Court records its appreciation for Mr. Sahil R. Bakshi, learned Assistant Advocate General for Punjab, for setting out a fair and balanced stand.

7. **Disposed of**, accordingly.

(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

20.04.2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether reportable	Yes/No