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

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Date of decision:- 16.03.2026

Rahul**... Petitioner****Versus****Punjabi University, Patiala and others****... Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL****HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK MANCHANDA**

Present:- Ms. Sweta Chahal, Advocate for
Mr. Sanjeev Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Shireesh Gupta, Advocate
for respondents (THROUGH V.C.)

SUVIR SEHGAL, J. (ORAL)

1. This writ petition has been filed, *inter alia*, for issuance of a writ of certiorari, for quashing order, dated 26.09.2025, Annexure P-16, whereby petitioner has been denied the benefit of Old Pension Scheme.
2. Counsel for the petitioner states that petitioner's father, who was an employee of Punjabi University, died in harness on 08.04.1993. After attaining majority, petitioner applied for appointment on 12.02.2009, Annexure P-1, on compassionate basis. When his claim was not considered, counsel states that petitioner approached this Court by filing a writ petition and in pursuance to direction passed by this Court, petitioner was appointed as a Safai Sewak, vide appointment letter, dated 17.06.2013, Annexure P-8. Counsel states that

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University employees were covered under a pension scheme, which was made applicable to all the employees in service, w.e.f. 15.07.1992. By notification, dated 12.12.2006, Annexure P-9, Punjab Civil Services Rules were amended and w.e.f. 01.01.2004, a New Defined Contributory Pension Scheme was introduced. Counsel states that by notification, dated 23.06.2025, Annexure P-11, Government amended the scheme to provide that all the employees, who were appointed on compassionate grounds on or after 01.01.2004, but where the request for such appointment by the legal heir(s) was received before 01.01.2004, they shall be governed by the Old Pension Scheme. Counsel submits that this claim has been wrongly rejected by the University vide impugned order, Annexure P-16. Petition has been opposed by counsel for respondents.

3. We have considered the arguments addressed by counsel for the parties as well as examined the documents appended with the paper-book.

4. The conceded position is that petitioner was appointed as a Safai Sewak vide letter, dated 17.06.2013, Annexure P-8. This letter clearly stipulates that his services are subject to ordinances, regulations and service conditions as have been enacted by the University. On the date of appointment of petitioner, the New Pension Scheme had been introduced. Merely, because petitioner had represented prior to 01.01.2004 for appointment on compassionate basis cannot be a ground for granting him the benefit of the Old Pension Scheme. Reliance placed by petitioner upon notification, Annexure P-11 is misplaced. This notification is applicable to the employees of the Punjab Government and there is nothing to show that the Punjabi University



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has adopted this notification or that it is applicable to University employees. Petitioner’s claim has been rightly rejected and this Court does not find any ground to interfere with the impugned order, Annexure P-16.

5. Finding no merit in the petition, it is dismissed, though with no order as to costs.

(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)
JUDGE

16.03.2026
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No