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

(131)

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Date of Decision : 14.01.2026

Rajinder Kumar

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present: Ms. Sunaina, Advocate and
Mr. Nikhil Thamman, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sahil R. Bakshi, AAG, Punjab.

KULDEEP TIWARI, J. (ORAL)

1. Through the instant writ petition, challenge is thrown to the order dated 17.11.2025 (Annexure P-15), passed by the Chief Engineer, Punjab, Public Works Department (B&R) Branch, Patiala, whereby, the claim of the petitioner for grant of Old Pension Scheme (OPS), has been declined.

2. The sole ground raised by the petitioner is that the order (supra), does not carry any cogent reasons, rather, totally a cryptic and non-speaking order has been passed. He further submits that the said submission has been made, by filing an application, which has not been considered.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Sahil R. Bakshi, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents No.1 to 5, and waives service.



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5. This Court has put a specific query to learned counsel for the State, as to how the order dated 17.11.2025 (Annexure P-15), pass the test of legality, specifically when there are no reasons assigned for declining the relief, as sought by the petitioner, to which, he fairly concedes that the order in question, does not carry any reasons.

6. In view of the above, at this stage, this Court is of the considered opinion that the impugned order is required to be interfered with. Therefore, the same is hereby **set aside**, and a *mandamus* is passed upon the Chief Engineer, Punjab, Public Works Department (B&R) Branch, Patiala, to decide the issue afresh, after giving due opportunity of hearing to the petitioner.

7. The petitioner is also at liberty to file a detailed representation with the authorities concerned. In case, such a representation is filed by the petitioner, within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order, the latter shall pass a detailed speaking order, within a period of six weeks, thereafter.

8. Consequently, the instant writ petition is **disposed of**.

(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

January 14, 2026
Manpreet

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No