ITEM NO.3 COURT NO.14 SECTION IV-B

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A
RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Petition for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No. 35500/2026

[Arising out of impugned final judgment and order dated 11-08-2026 in LPA No. 284/2026 passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh]

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, AMRITSAR Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

MEERA SHARMA & ORS. Respondent(s)

(IA No. 307745/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 307743/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES
IA No. 310479/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

WITH
SLP(C) No. 31436/2026 (IV-B)
(IA No. 266637/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 266632/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

SLP(C) No. 34746/2026 (IV-B)
(IA No. 302247/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 302246/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

SLP(C) No. 34097/2026 (IV-B)
(IA No. 295772/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 295774/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

SLP(C) No. 36226/2026 (IV-B)
(IA No. 314483/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 314484/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

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SLP(C) No. 36332/2026 (IV-B)
(IA No. 315730/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT

IA No. 315732/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

SLP(C) No. 36236/2026 (IV-B)
(IA No. 314630/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 314629/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

SLP(C) No. 36284/2026 (IV-B)
(IA No. 315116/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 315114/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

SLP(C) No. 36194/2026 (IV-B)
(IA No. 314250/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 314251/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

SLP(C) No. 36288/2026 (IV-B)
(IA No. 315180/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 315179/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

SLP(C) No. 34876/2026 (IV-B)
(IA No. 293239/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 293191/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

SLP(C) No. 36421/2026 (IV-B)
(IA No. 316157/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 316156/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

SLP(C) No. 36131/2026 (IV-B)
(IA No. 314019/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 314017/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

SLP(C) No. 33988/2026 (IV-B)
(IA No. 294040/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 294038/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

SLP(C) No. 36259/2026 (IV-B)
**(IA No. 314831/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 314830/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)**

SLP(C) No. 36478/2026 (IV-B)
**(IA No. 316675/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 316673/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)**

SLP(C) No. 36621/2026 (IV-B)
**(IA No. 318554/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 318553/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)**

SLP(C) No. 36467/2026 (IV-B)
**(IA No. 316479/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 316478/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)**

SLP(C) No. 37123/2026 (IV-B)
**(IA No. 324062/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 324059/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)**

SLP(C) No. 37502/2026 (IV-B)
**(IA No. 328027/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 328025/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)**

SLP(C) No. 36675-36676/2026 (IV-B)
**(IA No. 318821/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 318815/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)**

SLP(C) No. 37040-37041/2026 (IV-B)
**(IA No. 322462/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 322461/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)**

SLP(C) No. 37137/2026 (IV-B)
**(IA No. 324180/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 324178/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL**

DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)

SLP(C) No. 37229/2026 (IV-B)
**(FOR ADMISSION
IA No. 324870/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)**

SLP(C) No. 38814/2026 (IV-B)
**(FOR ADMISSION
IA No. 341692/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)**

SLP(C) No. 38229/2026 (IV-B)
**(IA No. 337275/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 337274/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)**

SLP(C) No. 39508/2026 (IV-B)
**(IA No. 347363/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 347361/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)**

SLP(C) No. 39345/2026 (IV-B)
**(IA No. 346626/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 346627/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)**

SLP(C) No. 39366/2026 (IV-B)
**(IA No. 346708/2026 - EXEMPTION FROM FILING C/C OF THE IMPUGNED JUDGMENT
IA No. 346707/2026 - PERMISSION TO FILE ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS/FACTS/ANNEXURES)**

Date : 18-11-2026 These matters were called on for hearing today.

CORAM :
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.V.N. BHATTI
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE N.V. ANJARIA

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Mr. Siddhant Saroha, Adv.
Mr. Sidhant Awasthy, Adv.
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Mr. Kanishk Bhatt, Adv.
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UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following
O R D E R

SLP (C) Nos. 35500/2026, 36226/2026, 36332/2026, 36236/2026, 36284/2026, 36194/2026, 36421/2026, 36259/2026, 36478/2026, 36621/2026, 36467/2026, 37123/2026, 39508/2026 39345/2026 and 39366/2026.

1. Issue notice to the respondents.

2. The petitioner(s) is/are directed to take out personal notice to the respondents by Registered Post with Acknowledgment Due (RPAD) and file proof of service thereof within 10 days.

3. Tag with SLP (C) No. 7447/2024.

SLP (C) Nos. 31436/2026, 34746/2026, 34097/2026, 34876/2026, 33988/2026, 37502/2026, 37229/2026 and 38814/2026.

1. Issue notice to the respondents.

2. Mr. Abhimanyu Tewari, learned Advocate-on-Record appears on caveat and accepts notice on behalf of contesting respondents in SLP (C) Nos. 31436/2026, 34746/2026, 34097/2026, 34876/2026, 33988/2026 and 37502/2026. Hence, service of notice to the said respondents is waived.

3. Let notice be issued to the remaining respondents.

4. As prayed, a week's time is granted to the learned counsel for the respondent(s) to file reply.

5. List on 02.12.2026.

SLP (C) No. 36131/2026

1. We have heard Advocate Sanchar Anand, appearing for the petitioner and Advocate Aruna Sachdeva, appearing for the respondents.

2. The undisputed circumstance is that the first respondent has been working with the petitioner since 1993. Through the order dated 15.01.2026 in C.W.P. No. 9942 of 2005, the following directions were issued by the learned Single Judge:

> *"14. The respondents are directed to regularize the services of the petitioner as Assistant Pump Operator within six weeks from today. If no order of regularization is passed within 6 weeks from today, he shall be deemed to be regularized. The petitioner shall be entitled to counting of past service and other benefits as per judgments rendered by this Court in* ***Manjeet Singh*** *and* ***Hari Ram (supra), Harbans Lal v. State of Punjab, CWP No.2371 of 2010*** *and* ***State of Haryana and others v. Jai Bhagwan, LPA No. 1892 of 2019.***
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> *15. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, be also disposed of accordingly."*

3. Challenging the order dated 15.01.2026, Letter Patent Appeal (LPA) was preferred and the LPA has been ordered in terms of the decision dated 10.07.2026 in Municipal Council Malerkotla.

4. Hence, the present Special Leave Petition.

5. In the instance of Municipal Council Malerkotla, through the impugned judgment, the Division Bench directed as follows:

> *"3. Learned counsel for the appellant(s) submits that the issue raised in the present appeals has already been decided by this Court while deciding* ***LPA No. 1065 of 2026 titled as 'Municipal Council Malerkotla though its Executive Officer vs. Kuldeep Singh and Others' on 10.07.2026*** *and the present appeals be also dismissed in same terms.*
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> *4. Ordered accordingly."*

6. Learned counsel for the petitioner argues that the judgment relied upon by the Division Bench is not applicable in all force, as the decision dated 10.07.2026 directs the payment of pension through a pension scheme that was discontinued as early as 2004. Further, the regularization of the first respondent is unavailable and the first respondent is not qualified to hold the post of Pump Operator.

7. Advocate Aruna Sachdeva, appearing for first respondent, argues that the regularization is not for Pump Operator but the direction is to regularize the services of first respondent as Assistant Pump Operator. The first respondent is qualified to hold the post and discharge its functions.

8. Advocate Aruna Sachdeva states that the first respondent may have difficulty in sustaining the relief to the limited extent of directing payment of pension under Old Pension Scheme, i.e. General Provident Fund (GPF) Scheme, which was discontinued in 2004.

9. We take note of the admitted circumstances and also the limited issue presented for our consideration.

10. *Prima facie*, we are of the view that the first respondent is entitled to the relief of regularization, and to that extent, the order dated 15.01.2026 in C.W.P. No. 9942/2005 is sustained.

11. With a view to balancing and working out the relief between the parties, we direct that the services of first respondent be regularized as Assistant Pump Operator with effect from 01.01.2012 and the first respondent will be on probation for a period of three years and he shall be deemed to have completed the probation on 31.12.2015.

12. The petitioner is directed to pay the arrears by giving effect to the regularization as indicated above.

13. Except the relief as granted, the respondent is not entitled to pension under the Old Pension Scheme.

14. The Special Leave Petition is disposed of as indicated above.

15. It is made clear though the impugned order is passed by relying upon the decision dated 10.07.2026, having regard to the circumstances of this case, even if we are partly confirming the impugned order, the same be understood as having been made in the circumstances of this case and shall not be treated as a precedent in any other matter.

16. Pending application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

SLP(C) No. 36288/2026

1. The first respondent, admittedly, has been working from 1996 – 1997. The first respondent may be entitled to the relief of regularization in terms of the view we have taken in SLP (C) No. 36131/2026.

2. Issue notice to the respondents, returnable on 02.12.2026.

3. The petitioner is directed to effect service of notice upon the respondents through all modes.

SLP(C) Nos. 36675-36676/2026 and 37040-37041/2026

1. As prayed, time is granted to the petitioner for filing all the documents filed along with the writ petition and to the respondent(s) for filing counter affidavit.

2. List on 02.12.2026.

SLP(C) No. 37137/2026

1. In terms of the view we have taken in SLP (C) No. 36131/2026, let notice be issued to the respondents.

2. List on 02.12.2026.

3. The petitioner is directed to effect service of notice upon the respondents through all modes.

SLP(C) No. 38229/2026

1. Issue notice to the respondents.

2. The impugned judgment(s) are stayed to the limited extent of determining the eligibility of pensionary benefits to the

respondents. In other words, the petitioner shall undertake the process of regularization of the services, as directed by the impugned judgment(s), and the regularization date be with effect from 01.01.2012 and probation be treated as 31.12.2015.

3. The petitioner is directed to serve personal notice on the respondents.

4. List on 02.12.2026.

(LOKESH ARORA)	(SNEHA DAS)	(NIDHI MATHUR)
SENIOR PERSONAL ASSISTANT	COURT MASTER (SH)	COURT MASTER (NSH)