



# Amendments in Haryana Sikh Gurdwaras (Management) Act, 2014

## Why in News?

The **Haryana Council of Ministers** is set to approve an [Ordinance](#) to amend the **Haryana Sikh Gurdwaras (Management) Act, 2014**.

## Key Points

- **The objective of Haryana Sikh Gurdwaras (Management) Act, 2014** was to provide a legal procedure by which the gurdwaras were brought under the exclusive control of the **Sikhs of Haryana** for their **proper use, administration, control and financial management reforms**.
  - This act created a **separate juristic entity** for the management of the **historical gurdwaras** in Haryana, gurdwaras with **income both over and under ₹20 lakh**.
- **Proposed Amendments:**
  - **Judicial Appointments:** The proposed amendment includes provisions for appointing a **High Court judge** as the chairman of the Haryana Sikh Gurdwara Judicial Commission.
    - If a High Court judge is not appointed, a District Judge or a senior member of the commission will be considered.
  - **Revision of Pension / Family Pension:** The Haryana Government is also expected to deal with the issue of **revision of pension/family pension** for retired **judicial officers of the Haryana government** as per the **Second National Judicial Pay Commission (SNJPC)**.

## Second National Judicial Pay Commission

- The Commission was constituted in 2017 pursuant to the order of the **Supreme Court** in **All India Judges Association case**, under [Article 32 \(Constitutional Remedies\)](#) of the Constitution.
- It is headed by **former Judge of Supreme Court Justice P. Venkatrama Reddi**.
- **Few of the objectives of the Commission are:**
  - To evolve the principles governing the pay structure and emoluments of Judicial Officers belonging to the Subordinate Judiciary all over the country.
  - To examine the present structure of emoluments and conditions of services of Judicial Officers in the States and Union Territories and to make suitable recommendations including post-retirement benefits such as pension, etc.
  - To consider and recommend such interim relief as the Commission considers just and proper to all categories of Judicial Officers.
  - To make recommendations regarding setting up of a permanent mechanism to review the pay and service conditions of members of Subordinate Judiciary periodically by an independent Commission.
- The Supreme Court observed that the Commission may consider, if necessary, sending reports on any of the matters as and when recommendations are finalised.
- The **Commission has been empowered to devise its own procedure** and formulate the modalities necessary for accomplishing the task

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