



relief prayed for by the Petitioners. It is contended that this Court in ***All India Railway Accounts Staff Association (supra)*** has distinguished the applicability of the judgment of the Supreme Court in ***Arun Jyoti Kundu (supra)*** and set aside the impugned order of the CAT. Further, it is stated that the Petitioners herein are similarly situated employees of the Accounts cadre of the Respondent/Railways and that the present petition must also be allowed.

3. The Court is of the view that the facts in the case at hand are no different from the those constituting the subject matter of this Court's judgment in ***All India Railway Accounts Staff Association (supra)***. The application is accordingly allowed.

4. In that view of the matter, the writ petition is allowed. The orders dated 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2015 in O.A. No. 527/2015 and the order dated 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2015 passed in R.A. No. 322/2015 by the Central Administrative Tribunal, Principal Bench, New Delhi, are hereby set aside. A direction is now issued to the Respondents to upgrade the pay scales of the Petitioners, as applicable to each of them, at par with their juniors from the date their juniors were given the higher grade pay.

5. The writ petitions and the application are disposed of in above terms.

**S.MURALIDHAR, J.**

**TALWANT SINGH, J.**

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