



taken till date which is set aside by this order and shall decide the matter in accordance with law by interpreting the clause 3(7) of the Government Resolution dated 6<sup>th</sup> August, 2002 in right perspective and after taking into consideration the principles of law laid down in catena of the decisions.

(iv) The petitioners would be at liberty to file written arguments along with the representation before the respondent no.4 within one week from today.

(v) The respondent no.4 shall decide representation within six weeks from the date of first hearing.

(vi) The order that would be passed by the respondent no.4 shall be conveyed to the petitioners within two weeks from the date of passing such order.

(vii) If the order that would be passed by the respondent no.4 is adverse against the petitioners, no coercive steps shall be taken against the petitioners for a period of four weeks from the date of communication of the order.

(viii) The respondent no.4 shall continue to pay salaries of the petitioners (one step pay scale) at the rate at which they were being paid prior to the date of recovery of amount.

**3.** Writ Petition is allowed in aforesaid terms. No costs.

**(SANDEEP V. MARNE, J.)**

**(ACTING CHIEF JUSTICE)**