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

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Date of decision : 06.03.2026**

Baldev Singh and others

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA

Present: Mr. Nitesh Singla, Advocate for the petitioners.

DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA, J. (Oral)

1. In the present writ petition, the petitioners are praying for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus directing the respondent-department to remove the anomaly between the pay of the petitioners (seniors) and their junior Government employees, which has arisen on account of the grant of 9-year ACP Scheme benefit to the junior employees, in terms of the Notification dated 22.08.2019 (Annexure P-4), issued by the Department of Finance, Government of Punjab. The petitioners have also challenged the letter dated 09.05.2025 (Annexure P-5), whereby, the claim of the petitioners for stepping up of their pay at par with the junior employees has been kept pending till the final decision regarding issuance of a new ACP Scheme is taken by the Government.

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2. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners, on instructions from the petitioners, submits that the petitioners would be satisfied if at this stage, a direction is given to the respondents to consider and decide the legal notice dated 09.12.2025 (Annexure P-7) served by the petitioners in a time-bound manner.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. N.P.S. Hira, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-State and does not oppose the prayer made by the learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioners.

5. In view of the above and without commenting upon the merits of the case, the present petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to the respondents to consider and decide the legal notice dated 09.12.2025 (Annexure P-7) served by the petitioners, in accordance with law/rules, within a period of 06 months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

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

06.03.2026

Ramandeep Singh

**(DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking / reasoned :

Yes

No

Whether Reportable :

Yes

No