



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

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CWP-15417-2026

Date of decision : 18.05.2026

Rajpreet Singh @ Rajpreet Singh Dhillon and othersPetitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others ...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE NAMIT KUMAR

Present: Mr. Ranjit Singh Kalra, Advocate with
Ms. Kulwinder Kaur, Advocate for the petitioners.

NAMIT KUMAR J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed by the petitioners under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking issuance of a writ of certiorari for quashing the clarification letter dated 15.12.2021 (Annexure P-9) as relying upon the said clarification, the benefit of ACP has been restricted since the year 2022, despite the subsequent explanations being issued by the Department of Finance. Further, seeking issuance of a writ of mandamus directing the respondents to decide the claim of ACP of the petitioners as they are duly eligible and entitled to 1st upgradation under the ACP Scheme upon rendering of 04 years of service i.e. w.e.f. 01.04.2022 and further, to release the benefits of ACP from the date it became due along with arrears of salary on account of upgradation of pay with interest @ 18% per annum.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that for redressal of their grievances, the petitioners have also submitted legal notice dated 09.10.2025 (Annexure P-12) to the respondents which is still pending consideration. He further submits that at this stage, the

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petitioners would be satisfied, if the petitioners may be given liberty to supplement the abovesaid legal notice and appropriate directions are issued to the respondents to consider and decide the said legal notice, by passing a speaking order, in a time bound manner.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Swapan Shorey, D.A.G., Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-State. He has no objection to the innocuous prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record of the case.

6. Without going into the merits of the case at this stage, the present petition is disposed of with a liberty to the petitioners to supplement the legal notice dated 09.10.2025 (Annexure P-12) within a period of two weeks from today and respondent No.2 is directed to consider and decide the said legal notice expeditiously, by passing a speaking order after affording an opportunity of hearing to the petitioners, preferably within a period of 03 months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. Further, the decision taken thereon shall be conveyed to the petitioners.

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JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No