



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

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COCP-4799-2025 (O&M)

Date of decision: 10.03.2026

Surinder Singh and others

...Petitioners

V/s

Gurinder Singh Sodhi

...Respondent

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM AGGARWAL

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

Ms. Shiny Chopra, AAG, Punjab.

VIKRAM AGGARWAL, J (ORAL)

The instant contempt petition alleges disobedience of the order dated 07.01.2025 (Annexure P-1) passed in CWP-17971-2023.

2. Additional affidavit of Sh. Harkirat Kaur Channe, Director School Education (Secondary), Punjab on behalf of the respondent, in terms of the order dated 22.01.2026 filed in Court today is taken on record. Paragraphs 6 and 7 of the said affidavit read as under:-

"6. That, it is humbly submitted that, on 06.02.2026, the Department of Finance has issued a clarification vide letter No. FD-FP-206(PFNG)/10//2026-3FP2 wherein it has stated that, the instruction dated 09.05.2025 would not apply on senior-junior pay anomaly cases pertaining to the period prior to 01.01.2016. The said instructions dated 06.02.2026 are reproduced below:-

"I am directed to clarify on the subject cited above and to say that the instructions dated 09.05.2025 of the Finance Department are not applicable to senior-junior pay anomaly (ACP cases) pertaining to the period prior to 01.01.2016.

Meticulous compliance of these instructions shall be ensured at the level of all departments."

7. That, it is respectfully submitted that, in compliance of the finance department's letter dated 06.02.2026, the respondent would call for the case of

pay anomaly of the petitioner and his juniors and would subsequently consider and decide the same.”

3. That being so, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that no grievance subsists at this stage and that in case the needful is not done as stated in paragraphs 6 and 7, the petitioners be given liberty to move an appropriate application for revival of the instant contempt petition.

4. The contempt petition is accordingly disposed of in terms of the aforesaid statement with the liberty prayed for.

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

(VIKRAM AGGARWAL)
JUDGE

March 10, 2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No