



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

Sr. No.111

CWP-29206-2025

Date of Decision: 30.03.2026

Ram Chander

.... Petitioner

Versus

State of Haryana and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA

Present: Mr. Chandra Sekhar V., Advocate, for
Mr. Umesh Narang, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Sahni, Additional Advocate General, Haryana,
assisted by Mr. Harmanjit Singh Johal, Advocate.

TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA, J. (ORAL)

The petition has been filed *inter alia* seeking a writ of *mandamus* directing the respondents to grant the benefit of first ACP grade pay to the petitioner on the post of Headmaster which became due in 2016, and release all consequential benefits by revising/re-fixing his pension.

2. On 09.02.2026, the following statement was made on behalf of the respondents:

Learned State counsel, on instructions, submits that the petitioner was earlier working as Science Master since 1991. Later, pursuant to fresh selection, he was appointed as High School Head Master in 2008, and was given pay protection by the concerned District Education Officer at that time who was not the competent authority. As per instructions dated 17.11.2025, the Finance Department is the competent authority and the petitioner's case has been sent to it vide letter dated 20.01.2026 for ex-post facto approval of pay fixation, and thereafter his case for grant of first ACP scale will be considered.



3. Learned State counsel has received fresh instructions from the second respondent vide memo dated 20.03.2026, a copy whereof is retained on the case file as Annexure 'A'. Referring to the same, he submits that after examining the petitioner's case, certain objections were raised by the Finance Department, regarding which a report was sought from the District Education Officer, Bhiwani. The report dated 27.02.2026 has been received, and the same has been re-submitted to the Finance Department on 18.03.2026. The decision on the petitioner's pay protection as well as ACP scale will be taken as per decision of the Finance Department.

4. Accordingly, the petition is disposed of directing the respondents to finally decide the petitioner's case within three months, and in case the benefits are found admissible, including the arrears, the same be released to him within four weeks therefrom.

5. In case the petitioner's case is not decided and the benefits found admissible are not released within the stipulated periods, the officer concerned shall pay costs of ₹50,000 to the petitioner.

(TRIBHUVAN DAHIYA)
JUDGE

30.03.2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No