



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

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CWP-33634-2025

Date of Decision : **January 15, 2026**

ANU PRIYA AND ANOTHER

.....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 have challenged the letter dated 09.05.2025 (Annexure P-10) issued by the Department of Finance, whereby the claim of the petitioners for stepping up of pay at par with their juniors have been kept on hold till the final decision regarding new ACP Scheme is taken by the Government.
2. Notice of motion.
3. Ms. Neha Sonawane, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents.
4. A perusal of the impugned letter dated 09.05.2025 (Annexure P-10) would show that no final decision has been taken in case of the petitioners in regard to stepping up of pay on the ground that the final decision has to be taken by the Government in regard to ACP Scheme and thereafter the case of the petitioners will be considered.

5. Taking into consideration that no final decision has been taken in regard to the claim of the petitioners and also the reasons given in the impugned letter dated 09.05.2025 (Annexure P-10), this Court deems appropriate to give direction to respondent No.1 to take a final decision in regard to the claim of the petitioners

6. In view of the above, without commenting upon merits of the case, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.1 to take final decision in regard to claim of the petitioners, preferably within 06 months, from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order, in accordance with law.

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

(DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned. : Yes/No
Whether Reportable. : Yes/No