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

**CWP-37965-2025(O&M)
Date of decision : 29.01.2026**

Preety Gupta 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 order dated 30.09.2025 (Annexure P-5) vide which, the claim of the petitioners regarding stepping up of their pay at par with their juniors have been kept in abeyance till the issuance of new ACP Scheme after 01.01.2016 in view of letter issued by the Department of Finance dated 09.05.2025 (Annexure P-6).

2. A perusal of the impugned order dated 30.09.2025 (Annexure P-5) would show that the claim of the petitioners for stepping up of pay has not been considered in light of letter dated 09.05.2025 (Annexure P-6) issued by the State of Punjab (Department of Finance) wherein cases involving pay anomalies between the senior and the junior employees is kept on hold until the final decision regarding new ACP Scheme is taken by the Government.



3. Taking into consideration that no final decision has been taken in regard to the claim of the petitioners and also for the reasons given in the impugned order dated 30.09.2025 (Annexure P-5), this Court deems appropriate to give direction to the respondents to take a final decision in regard to the claim of the petitioners.

4. In view of the above, without commenting upon merits of the case, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents 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.

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

29.01.2026

(DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA)

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JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned :

Yes

No

Whether Reportable :

Yes

No