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* **IN THE HIGH COURT OF DELHI AT NEW DELHI**

+ W.P.(C) 1464/2026 & CM APPL. 7137/2026 (for interim directions)
PARMESHWARI

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Bharat Bhushan Bhatai,
Advocate.

versus

PUNJABI ACADEMY & ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Naushad Ahmed Khan, Ms.
Prajna Pandita, Advocates for R-1.
Mrs. Avnish Ahlawat, SC for
GNCTD with Mr. N.K. Singh, Ms.
Aliza Alam and Mr. Mohnish
Sehrawat, Advocates for R-2.
Dr. Divya Swamy, Mr. Yagyawalkya
Singh, Mr. Anubhav Agrawal, Mr.
Rishav Ranjan, Ms. Nidhi Kumar,
Ms. Akriti Singh, Ms. Pragya Patel,
Mr. Ananya Y, Mr. Shikhar Russia,
Advocates for R-3/MCD.

+ W.P.(C) 1468/2026 & CM APPL. 7140/2026 (for interim directions)
TRIPTI DEVI

.....Petitioner

Through: Mr. Bharat Bhushan Bhatai,
Advocate.

versus

PUNJABI ACADEMY & ORS.

.....Respondents

Through: Mr. Naushad Ahmed Khan, Ms.
Prajna Pandita, Advocates for R-1.
Mrs. Avnish Ahlawat, SC for
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Dr. Divya Swamy, Mr. Yagyawalkya Singh, Mr. Anubhav Agrawal, Mr. Rishav Ranjan, Ms. Nidhi Kumar, Ms. Akriti Singh, Ms. Pragya Patel, Mr. Ananya Y, Mr. Shikhar Russia, Advocates for R-3/MCD.

+ W.P.(C) 1469/2026 & CM APPL. 7141/2026 (for interim directions)
MEENU BALAPetitioner

Through: Mr. Bharat Bhushan Bhatai,
Advocate.

versus

PUNJABI ACADEMY & ORS.Respondents

Through: Mr. Naushad Ahmed Khan, Ms. Prajna Pandita, Advocates for R-1.
Mrs. Avnish Ahlawat, SC for GNCTD with Mr. N.K. Singh, Ms. Aliza Alam and Mr. Mohnish Sehrawat, Advocates for R-2.
Dr. Divya Swamy, Mr. Yagyawalkya Singh, Mr. Anubhav Agrawal, Mr. Rishav Ranjan, Ms. Nidhi Kumar, Ms. Akriti Singh, Ms. Pragya Patel, Mr. Ananya Y, Mr. Shikhar Russia, Advocates for R-3/MCD.

+ W.P.(C) 1470/2026 & CM APPL. 7142/2026 (for interim directions)
RENUKA ARORAPetitioner

Through: Mr. Bharat Bhushan Bhatai,
Advocate.

versus

PUNJABI ACADEMY & ORS.Respondents

Through: Mr. Naushad Ahmed Khan, Ms. Prajna Pandita, Advocates for R-1.



Mrs. Avnish Ahlawat, SC for GNCTD with Mr. N.K. Singh, Ms. Aliza Alam and Mr. Mohnish Sehrawat, Advocates for R-2.

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+ W.P.(C) 1471/2026 & CM APPL. 7143/2026 (for interim directions)
KAVITA PATHANIAPetitioner

Through: Mr. Bharat Bhushan Bhatai,
Advocate.

versus

PUNJABI ACADEMY & ORS.Respondents

Through: Mr. Naushad Ahmed Khan, Ms. Prajna Pandita, Advocates for R-1.

Mrs. Avnish Ahlawat, SC for GNCTD with Mr. N.K. Singh, Ms. Aliza Alam and Mr. Mohnish Sehrawat, Advocates for R-2.

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CORAM:
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJEEV NARULA

ORDER
03.02.2026

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1. The Petitioners state that they were engaged as part-time Punjabi teachers



and have been working continuously for over 15 years. They seek the same relief as granted by this Hon'ble Court to similarly placed teachers in W.P.(C) No. 3675/2017 and the connected matters, as they are identically situated.

2. It is also pointed out that the Punjabi Academy has now started insisting upon an undertaking for the academic year 2025–26, and that furnishing such undertaking may prejudice the Petitioners' entitlement to the benefits already extended by this Court to similarly placed petitioners in '*Avtar Singh & Ors. v. Punjabi Academy & Ors.*'.¹ Accordingly, a prayer is also made that the Respondents be restrained from insisting on the undertaking referred to in paragraph 12 of the petition.

3. The Court has heard the counsel for the parties. It is not in dispute that the Petitioners are similarly situated to the petitioners in *Avtar Singh & Ors.*, wherein this Court has already directed the Respondents to refix the salaries of the petitioners.

4. The Court is informed that the aforesaid judgment is under challenge in LPA 29/2026, wherein notice has been issued on the application seeking condonation of delay.

5. In view of the above, the present writ petition is disposed of in terms of the direction issued in *Avtar Singh & Ors.* The Petitioners shall be entitled to similar reliefs. Since the said judgment is pending challenge in appeal, the directions herein shall remain subject to the outcome of the pending LPA. It is further clarified that any undertaking sought to be obtained from the Petitioners by the Respondents shall not dilute the

¹ 2025: DHC : 5596.



directions issued by this Court in *Avtar Singh & Ors.*, which stand extended to the present Petitioners.

6. With the above directions, the present petitions are disposed of along with pending application(s), if any.

SANJEEV NARULA, J

FEBRUARY 3, 2026/ab