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

+ **CONT.CAS(C) 405/2026**

GEETA PANWAR & ORS.

.....Petitioners

Through: Mr. Mohit Tanwar and Mr. Shivang Verma, Advs.

versus

VEDITA REDDY

.....Respondent

Through: Ms. Avnish Ahlawat, SC, Mr. N.K. Singh, Ms. Aliza Alam and Mr. Mohnish Sehrawat, Advs.

CORAM:

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SACHIN DATTA

ORDER

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13.03.2026

CM APPL.15708/2026 (Exemption)

1. Allowed, subject to all just exceptions.
2. Application stands disposed of.

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3. Learned counsel for the petitioners draws attention to the order dated 04.12.2025 passed in CONT.CAS(C) 1602/2025, which captures background of the matter. The same reads as under:

1. This hearing has been done through hybrid mode.
2. The present petition under Section 12 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, seeks following prayers:-

“i) initiate action of contempt against the respondent for deliberately and willfully violating the order of this Hon'ble Court dt 3-08-2021 in W.P.(C) No5618/2021 and take action against the respondent/contemnor, enforcing the compliance of the order;

AND/OR

ii) pass such other order/s as may be deemed fit & proper.”

3. Vide order dated 03.08.2021 in W.P.(C) 5618/2021, learned Coordinate Bench of this Court had passed the following directions: -

“12. The aforesaid directions only take care of the past benefits, which



are payable to the petitioners but in what manner, the parties need to proceed in future has to be worked out by the Officers of both Govt. of NCT of Delhi and Delhi Cantonment Board. Accordingly, I deem it appropriate to direct that a meeting be held under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary of the Govt. of NCT of Delhi at the earliest, preferably within one week from today wherein the Officers of the Directorate of Education, Department of Urban Development, Govt. of NCT of Delhi and the Officers of the Delhi Cantonment Board shall be present when the inter-se issue is discussed/settled to ensure that henceforth, there is, a timely payment of the benefits like salary/pension, family pension and allowances, if any are paid to the Teachers of the respondent No.4 School. The non-payment of the benefits to the petitioners even in future shall be construed as a violation of this order."

4. Subsequently, another writ petition, ***W.P.(C) 15860/2024***, was filed by the present petitioners, which was disposed of by another Coordinate Bench *vide* order dated 16.01.2025 by observing as under: -

"3. The petitioners have approached this Court with the grievance that their pensions and family pensions are not being released on time.

4. By order dated 14.11.2024, Mrs. Avnish Ahalwat, learned counsel for respondent Nos. 1 and 2, was given time to take instructions. Pursuant to the said order, Ms. Ahalwat submitted that the pensions and family pensions of the petitioners have been released until the month of December 2024, alongwith interest. She further submits that the respondent Nos. 1 and 2 will ensure that the pensions and family pensions of the petitioners are released on a monthly basis in accordance with law.

5. Mr. Ranjit Sharma, learned counsel for the petitioners, confirms receipt of the arrears of pensions and interest thereupon, as submitted by Ms. Ahalwat.

6. No further orders are, therefore, required in this writ petition. The writ petition, alongwith the pending application, is disposed of in terms of the aforesaid undertaking."

5. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner points out that

post filing of the present petition, the pension which was pending from July 2025 till October 2025 has been released.

6. In view of the above, learned counsel for the petitioner does not wish to press the present petition.

7. Accordingly, the present petition is disposed of as not pressed with directions to the respondent to ensure timely payment of pension to the petitioners.

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

4. Learned counsel for the respondent, who appears on advance notice



submits that the outstanding pension amount shall be released to the petitioners latest within a period of three days from today.

5. The said statement is taken on record.

6. The respondents are also directed to ensure that in future, the pension amount is released on a regular basis without delay.

7. It is made clear that in the event of failure to do so, the same shall be construed as wilful disobedience of the orders passed by this Court on the part of the respondent.

8. The respondent is directed to ensure that adequate systemic measures put in place so that the release of pension is not delayed in future.

9. The petition stands disposed of in the above terms.

SACHIN DATTA, J

MARCH 13, 2026/cl