

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF INDIA  
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

CIVIL APPEAL NO(S) . OF 2026  
(ARISING OUT OF SLP (CIVIL) NO(S) . 9025-9026 OF 2026)

PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT

APPELLANT (S)

VERSUS

RANDEEP SINGH & ORS .

RESPONDENT (S)

O R D E R

1. Leave granted.

2. The short issue that falls for consideration revolves around recognition, adoption and acceptance of the Punjabi Prabodh Pariksha conducted by the Department of Language, Government of Punjab for the purpose of determining eligibility under the Punjab Subordinate Courts Establishment (Recruitment and General Conditions of Service) Rules, 1997. In our considered view, the question whether a candidate possessing a Prabodh Pariksha Certificate ought to be treated as eligible for appointment under the 1997 Rules is essentially a policy decision. The appropriate recourse would have been to request the High Court to constitute a Committee of Judges to examine the issue comprehensively and take a holistic view.

3. Consequently, we allow these appeals and set aside the impugned order(s). However, the appointment of respondent No.1 pursuant to our order dated 25.02.2026 is maintained. The Writ Petition is accordingly disposed of with a request to the Hon'ble Chief Justice of the High Court to constitute a Committee of experts and resolve whether the Prabodh Pariksha is required to be

recognised in terms of Clause 7 (vii) (a) of the 1997 Rules and if so, whether any amendment in the 1997 Rules is necessitated. It may be appropriate if such a decision is taken before the initiation of the next recruitment process under the 1997 Rules.

.....CJI  
(SURYA KANT)

.....J.  
(JOYMALYA BAGCHI)

NEW DELHI;  
APRIL 30, 2026.

S U P R E M E C O U R T O F I N D I A  
R E C O R D O F P R O C E E D I N G S

Petition(s) for Special Leave to Appeal (C) No(s). 9025-9026/2026

[Arising out of impugned judgment and order dated 16-09-2024 in CWP No. 14913/2023 14-11-2025 in RACW No. 561/2024 in CWP No. 14913/2023 passed by the High Court of Punjab & Haryana at Chandigarh]

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Date : 30-04-2026 This matter was called on for hearing today.

CORAM : HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE  
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JOYMALYA BAGCHI

For Petitioner(s) :Mr. P. S. Patwalia, Sr. Adv.  
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Ms. Nupur Kumar, AOR  
Ms. Muskan Surana, Adv.

UPON hearing the counsel the Court made the following

## O R D E R

Leave granted.

The appeals are allowed in terms of the signed order.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand closed.

(NITIN TALREJA)  
ASTT. REGISTRAR-cum-PS

(PREETHI DILEEP KUMAR)  
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

(Signed order is placed on the file)