

Sr. No.222

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

**COCN No. 1172 of 2016
Date of decision:7.11.2016**

Amarjeet Singh

.....Petitioner

versus

S.S.Bains

.....Respondent

Coram: Hon'ble Mr.Justice Rakesh Kumar Jain

Present: Ms. Naiya Gill, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Anant Kataria, DAG, Punjab.

Rakesh Kumar Jain, J.(Oral)

The petitioner has invoked the provisions of Section 10 and 12 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971. The respondents were directed by this Court to take a decision on the representation dated 7.08.2015 within a period of four months from the date of receipt of certified copy of the order.

Since no decision was taken or conveyed to the petitioner, therefore, the present petition was filed in which reply by way of an affidavit of Gopal Krishan Singh, Director, Rural Development and Panchayats, Punjab on behalf of respondent No. 1 is filed in which it is averred "*that there is delay which is due to the late submission of Enquiry Report as the same was received by this office on 23.8.2016. It is submitted that the delay is neither intentional nor deliberate. However, unconditional apology is tendered for the same.*" Counsel for the respondent has otherwise submitted that representation made by the petitioner has been duly considered and decided.

Counsel for the petitioner, however, submits that since this

Court had given specific time to decide the representation, the respondent should have decided the same within a prescribed time and in case they were unable to decide the same, they should have applied for extension of time so that filing of this petition could have been avoided on which unnecessary expenses have been incurred.

Thus, this petition is disposed of with costs of ₹ 30,000/- which shall be paid to the petition by way of a demand draft. The needful shall be done in a month.

7th November, 2016

Shivani Kaushik

**[Rakesh Kumar Jain]
Judge**

Whether Speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No