

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

**C.O.C.P. No.1392 of 2016
Date of Decision: 21.02.2017**

Jodh Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

Sanjay Kumar, Principal Secretary, Home and Justice, Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Tejpal Singh Dhull, Advocate for
Mr. Rohit Verma, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Anant Kataria, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondent/contemner.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (Oral)

The petitioner is the brother of one Raju, who was picked up by the police on 16.10.2013 from his house for questioning and was shown to have been involved in FIR No.87 dated 15.10.2013, under Section 21/22 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, registered at Police Station Maqboolpura. The said Raju on account of injuries sustained during his custody had died on 06.11.2013, leading to the mother-Manjit Kaur and petitioner/brother-Jodh Singh filed a petition bearing CRM-M No.41045 of 2013 under Section 482 Cr.P.C., seeking award of compensation. During the pendency of the said petition, petitioner No.1-Manjit Kaur (mother of deceased-Raju) had also died on 07.03.2014. The said petition was allowed vide order dated 17.12.2015 (**Annexure P-1**), directing the State Authorities to pay a sum of ₹ 15 Lakhs along with interest. Since the needful was not done, hence the present contempt petition.

At the time of hearing, learned Counsel for the petitioner submits that the present petition has become infructuous as the amount of compensation, in terms of the order dated 17.12.2015 (P-1), has since been paid to the claimants.

In view of the above, no further action is warranted.

Accordingly, the present contempt petition stands dismissed as infructuous.

February 21, 2017

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(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No