

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

**COCN No. 2161 of 2016 (O&M)**

**Date of Decision: 27.02.2017**

Anil Sandhir

..... Petitioner

**Versus**

Sh. Sarvesh Kaushal, IAS, Chief Secretary, State of Punjab,  
Chandigarh and others

..... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH**

Present: Mr. V.K. Sandhir, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. Nilesh Bhardwaj, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

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**JASWANT SINGH, J. (ORAL)**

Petitioner-Anil Sandhir is stated to be working as Administrative Officer with the office of Director Public Instructions (Secondary Education), Punjab.

The petitioner has undergone a Renal (*Kidney*) Transplant and is a chronic patient, requiring periodic treatment. This Court vide order dated 18.08.2010 (**Annexure P-1**) passed in CWP No. 14234 of 2009, while allowing his claim for reimbursement for medical bills, also made a provision for future payments against the medical bills to be raised in future, the operative part of the said order dated (**P-1**) is as under:-

*“ In future, as and when the petitioner presents medical bills for treatment, the same are directed to be dealt with, as per law, within two months and reimbursed, failing*

*which this Court shall consider the inaction on the part of the dealing officials/officer as an act of will full disobedience of direction/order of this Court amenable to action under the Contempt of Court Act, 1971.”*

In the present contempt, the grievance of the petitioner is that some of the subsequent medical bills have not been reimbursed.

Upon notice, a reply on behalf of the Director, Health Services, Punjab, has been filed, wherein it is stated that out of seven (07), six (06) medical bills stand sanctioned and released, whereas the seventh bill was in the process of being sanctioned. The delay has been explained in para No. 3 of the reply, which appears to be reasonable and, therefore, accepted.

At the time of hearing, learned State Counsel states that the seventh outstanding bill also stands reimbursed on 05.01.2017. He further states that with effect from 01.01.2017, old procedure has been resorted to, whereby no such delay in future shall occur, provided the petitioner submits his medical bills to the Education Department, and upon due verification by the Department of Health and Family Welfare, Punjab, the admissible dues shall be promptly released.

In view of above and assurance of the State Counsel, no further action is warranted in the present contempt.

Accordingly, present contempt petition stands disposed of as infructuous.

**February 27, 2017**

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**( JASWANT SINGH )  
JUDGE**

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| Whether Speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| Whether Reportable        | Yes/No |