

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH****Date of decision: 25.05.2018****COCP No.1724 of 2018**

Gurvinder Singh & others

...Petitioners

Vs.

Prem Kamboj

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV NARAIN RAINA

Present: Mr. Arpandeep Narula, Advocate, for the petitioners.

RAJIV NARAIN RAINA, J. (ORAL)

The writ petition filed by the petitioners i.e. CWP No.23704 of 2016 was disposed of on 17.11.2016 in terms of the decisions of this Court in Ms. Menka & others Vs. State of Haryana & others [CWP No.9300 of 2015 decided on 05.05.2016] and Mrs. Rita Tandon Vs. State of Haryana & others [CWP No.16975 of 2014] with a direction to decide the petitioners' claim within one month from the date of receipt of certified copy of the order. Accordingly, the decision had to be taken on or before 17.12.2016. The instant contempt petition has been instituted in May, 2018. The date when the cause of action arose for alleged contempt arose in December, 2016, which is beyond the period of one year specified in Section 20 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 and thereby creating a bar on this Court to initiate contempt proceedings. Accordingly, this Court cannot hold the respondents guilty of contempt. The petitioners may have seek their regular remedies even by instituting a writ petition to execute an order passed in a

writ petition or by moving an execution application, but contempt proceedings cannot be initiated due to bar in Section 20 of the Act.

Consequently, the instant petition is dismissed.

25.05.2018

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**[RAJIV NARAIN RAINA]
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether Reportable:

Yes/No