

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH****Date of decision: 01.06.2018****COCP No.1876 of 2018**

Kulwant Singh & others

...Petitioners

Vs.

Karanjeet Singh Kahlon & another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV NARAIN RAINA

Present: Mr. Puneet Jindal, Senior Advocate, with
Mr. Kawaljyot Singh, Advocate, for the petitioners.

RAJIV NARAIN RAINA, J. (ORAL)

Heard.

The operative part of interim order dated 30.11.2017 reads as follows:

“Learned counsel for the petitioners submit that petitioners are not being paid even the minimum wages as has been held by Hon'ble the Apex Court in case titled as 'State of Punjab and others Vs. Jagjit Singh and others, 2016(4) S.C.T. 641' whereas learned counsel for the respondents submit that the matter is pending consideration and the decision is likely to be taken. Even the issue of regularization is also under consideration but the same has been kept pending because of decision in CWP No. 4187 of 2017 and is now fixed for hearing on 08.03.2018.

The issue with regard to payment of minimum wages has already been settled by Hon'ble the Apex Court, therefore, the same be granted to the petitioner within a period of four weeks. The issue regarding regularization be considered immediately after decision in aforesaid case.

Adjourned to 28.03.2018.

A photocopy of this order be placed on the files of other connected cases.”

No contempt is made out from the language of the interim order, while noticing *Jagjit Singh's* case, confining the direction to minimum wages. Therefore, the Committee set up by the University has committed no error in confining itself faithful to the interim order which speaks of minimum wages, but not minimum of the pay scale. Thus, I cannot hold any of the respondents guilty of contempt.

At this stage, Mr. Jindal craves leave of this Court to withdraw the instant petition with liberty to the petitioners to seek their remedies elsewhere, but not under Section 12 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 or Article 215 of the Constitution of India.

Dismissed as withdrawn with liberty as prayed for.

01.06.2018
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[RAJIV NARAIN RAINA]
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes/No*

Whether Reportable: *Yes/No*