

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

**COCP No.1937 of 2017 (O&M)**

**Date of Decision: 19.02.2018**

**PREM KUMAR AND OTHERS**

..... Petitioners

***Versus***

**SATISH CHANDRA, SECRETARY, DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT, PUNJAB AND OTHERS**

..... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. G.S. Samra, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Manoj Bajaj, Additional Advocate General, Punjab  
for respondent Nos.1 to 3.

Mr. S.P.S. Tinna, Advocate  
for the contesting respondent No.4.

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

The petitioners, five in number, had filed a writ petition bearing *CWP No.3570 of 2016*, seeking directions to the respondents to release the gratuity and arrears of gratuity alongwith 18% interest per annum from the date of due till the date it was paid in terms of the law laid down by this Hon'ble Court in the matter of CWP No.15423 of 2008 titled as '*Municipal Council, Pathankot versus The Appellate Authority and others*', as also 'CWP No.6905 of 2006 titled as '*Krishan Lal Aggarwal and others versus State of Punjab and others*.'

Since the needful was not done, hence the present contempt petition.

Upon notice, a reply on behalf of contesting respondent No.4/Municipal Council, Dhuri stands filed, wherein, in para No.3, it is stated that in compliance of the order dated 23.02.2016 (**Annexure P-1**), a speaking order dated 19.07.2016 (**Annexure R-4/1**) has been passed by respondent No.2 (Office of Department of Local Government, Punjab) and thereafter released the due payment to the petitioner on 29.07.2016.

In view of above reply, learned counsel for the respondents state that the order in question has been complied with, therefore, nothing more survives in the present contempt petition, as the same has become infructuous.

**Dismissed as infructuous.**

**February 19, 2018**  
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**( JASWANT SINGH )**  
**JUDGE**

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| <i>Whether Speaking/reasoned</i> | <i>Yes/No</i> |
| <i>Whether Reportable</i>        | <i>Yes/No</i> |