

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

(1)

**COCP No. 2179 of 2016 (O&M)  
Date of Decision: 15.02.2018**

Rupinder Pal

..... Petitioner

**Versus**

Sh. Raj Kamal Chaudhary, IAS, Secretary, Food Civil  
Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department, Chandigarh

..... Respondent

**AND**

(2)

**COCP No. 1432 of 2016 (O&M)**

Rupinder Pal

..... Petitioner

**Versus**

Sh. Raj Kamal Chaudhary, IAS, Secretary, Food Civil  
Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department, Chandigarh and others

..... Respondents

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

Present: Ms. Samiya Singh, Advocate  
for the petitioner (in both cases).

Mr. Manoj Bajaj, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

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

This common order shall dispose of the two aforementioned petitions as the dispute in these petitions has arisen out of the same order dated 12.08.2015 (**Annexure P-1**).

Ms. Samiya Singh, Advocate, has filed power of attorney on behalf of the petitioner with 'No Objection' of the earlier counsel in Court today, which is taken on record.

Petitioner-Rupinder Pal was a *Kargil* widow to whom a

special concession was given in the appointment directly to the post of Food

& Supplies Officer in 1999 on the recommendations of the High Powered Committee formed under the Chief Secretary, Punjab, on the terms and conditions laid down in the appointment letter dated 22.10.1999.

The petitioner had filed a writ petition bearing *CWP No. 16026 of 2015, inter alia*, challenging the seniority list dated 02.03.2009 **(Annexure P-2)** of the Food and Supplies Officer(s), wherein this Court, while '*Admitting*' the petition vide interim order dated 12.08.2015 **(Annexure P-1)**, had passed the following operative directions:-

*“ In the meantime, the seniority position of the petitioner with reference to the date of initial appointment shall not be altered till further orders. ”*

However, the official respondents have passed the order dated 11.03.2016 whereby the juniors to the petitioners have been given the officiating charge of Deputy Director Food & Supplies, ignoring the seniority position of the petitioner. Hence, the present contempt petition(s).

At the time of hearing, learned counsel for the petitioner concedes that the necessary relief has since been granted to the petitioner, therefore, nothing more survives in the present contempt petition, as the same has become infructuous.

**Dismissed as infructuous.**

**February 15, 2018**

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**( JASWANT SINGH )  
JUDGE**

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