

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

**C.O.C.P. No. 288 of 2016 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 02.05.2018**

Gurpreet Singh and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

G.S. Sidhu, Deputy Commissioner, Barnala and another

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. A.S. Barnala, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Navdeep Chhabra, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab
for respondent No. 1.

Ms. Manjeet Kaur, Advocate for
Mr. Karanjit Singh, Advocate
for respondent No.2.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Petitioners (Gurpreet Singh and Gurmeet Singh) had filed a writ petition bearing *CWP No. 1207 of 2015* seeking mandamus to the respondents to decide the representation filed by them, keeping in view the award to the tune of Rs.14,21,686/- passed by the department concerned, as also give a consideration to the fact received through letter dated 29.12.2014, wherein it has been clarified that out of 389 persons, who were supposed to be compensated, 316 persons have already been given the cheque and only 73 persons have been left behind, who are yet to be compensated.

The aforesaid writ petition was disposed of by a Division Bench of this Court vide order dated 23.01.2015 (**Annexure P-1**), with the following operative directions:-

“ We are inclined to grant relief only to the extent of directing the respondent concerned to consider the petitioners' representation-Annexure P/5. It is made clear that this order does not confer any rights upon the petitioners, if otherwise they have none. The decision shall be taken within twelve weeks of the respondents' being served with a copy of this order and the papers and proceedings.”

Since the needful was not done within the stipulated time of twelve weeks, hence the present contempt petition.

Upon notice, a reply on behalf of respondent No. 2 stands filed.

At the time of hearing, counsel for the parties concede that the principal amount/compensation, as awarded, regarding the land acquired by the Executive Engineer, Bathinda Division, Bathinda, has since been released to the petitioner and, therefore, the order in question dated 23.01.2015 (P-1) has been complied with, hence, the present petition has become infructuous.

Disposed of as infructuous.

Rule is discharged.

May 02, 2018

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**(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE**

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