

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

COCN No.3202 of 2016(O&M)

Date of Decision:-21.02.2018

Manpreet Kaur.

.....Petitioner.

Versus

Manju Bhandari, Child Development & Project Officer, Sangrur.

.....Respondent.

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present:- Mr. C.S. Jattana, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Mr. Manoj Bajaj, Additional Advocate General, Punjab.

JASWANT SINGH, J.(ORAL)

Petitioner was appointed as *Anganwadi* worker with Gram Panchayat, village Satipura, Tehsil and District Sangrur vide order dated 13.02.2013 issued by the CDPO, Sangrur. The Gram Panchayat filed CWP No.3022 of 2013 challenging her appointment on the ground of violations of the procedure for appointment. During the pendency of the writ petition, the work of the *Anganwadi* worker was withdrawn from the petitioner vide order dated 19.08.2015, thereby leading the aforesaid writ petition to be disposed of as infructuous vide order dated 16.5.2016 while recording certain observations against the officials responsible for such alleged illegal appointment.

Petitioner is stated to have filed LPA No.1317 of 2016 wherein

16.05.2016 was stayed.

The petitioner on the strength of the such stay order claims that the respondents are guilty of contempt in not permitting her to continue as *Anganwadi* worker.

Upon notice, counsel for the respondents has filed reply in the Court today. It is asserted that no contempt is made out as the order of withdrawal of work dated 19.08.2015 was never under challenge. The stay is operating only against the observations made against the officials as also qua the initiation of action against them.

In view of the above, this Court is persuaded to accept the stand of the respondents.

Hence no contempt is made out and accordingly the present contempt petition is hereby dismissed.

(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE

February 21, 2018
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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>