

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

**C.O.C.P. No.3440 of 2017 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 20.02.2018**

Kanwaljeet Kaur Kasel

..... Petitioner

Versus

S.K.Sandhu, Principal Secretary, Government of Punjab,
Department of Higher Education, Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Surinder Thakur, Advocate for
Mr. Sameer Sachdeva, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Manoj Bajaj, Additional Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondents.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (Oral)

The petitioner, who retired as Associate Professor on 30.11.2016, had filed CWP No.16203 of 2017, seeking direction to the respondents to decide her Legal Notice dated 18.03.2017. The said petition was disposed of by learned Single Judge of this Court vide order dated 26.07.2017 (**Annexure P-1**), with the direction to the official respondents to consider the grievances unfolded by the petitioner in the Legal Notice dated 18.03.2017 and take a decision within three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of that order. Since the needful was not done within the stipulated time, hence the present contempt petition.

At the time of hearing, reply by way of affidavit dated 20.02.2018 of Sh. S.K.Sandhu, Additional Chief Secretary to Govt. of Punjab, Deptt. of Higher Education has been filed in Court, which is taken on record. Copy of the same has been furnished to learned Counsel for the petitioner. In the reply, it is submitted that the claim of the petitioner has

been considered and interest on delayed payment on account of GPF and Gratuity has been allowed whereas interest on delayed payments of Leave Encashment and arrears of Senior/Selection Scale has been rejected by passing a speaking order dated 15.02.2018 (**Annexure R-1**).

Learned Counsel for the respondents submits that the present petition has become infructuous as the directions were to decide the Legal Notice, which stand complied with.

In view of the above, no further action is warranted.

Accordingly, the present contempt petition stands dismissed as infructuous.

February 20, 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>