

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

**COCP No.353 of 2017 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 03.05.2018**

RAM SINGH @ RAM KISHAN

..... Petitioner

Versus

**SHRI ARUN KUMAR GUPTA, IAS, ADDITIONAL CHIEF
SECRETARY TO GOVT. OF HARYANA, TOWN AND COUNTRY
PLANNING DEPARTMENT, CHANDIGARH.**

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Govind Chauhan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. D.K. Mittal, Deputy Advocate General, Haryana
for the respondent/State.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Petitioner (Ram Singh @ Ram Kishan), had filed writ petition bearing *CWP No.1504 of 2016*, seeking mandamus to release the land under Section 24(2) of New Act, i.e., The Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013.

The aforesaid writ petition was disposed of by a Division Bench of this Court vide order dated 24.05.2016 (**Annexure P-1**), with the following operative directions:-

“ After hearing learned counsel for the parties, perusing the present petition and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, we dispose of the present petition by granting liberty to the petitioner to file a detailed and comprehensive representation raising all the pleas as raised in the present writ petition before the appropriate authority. It is directed that in the event of a representation being filed by the petitioner within a period of two months from today, the same shall be decided in accordance with law by passing a speaking order and after affording an opportunity of hearing to him within a period of four months from the date of receipt of representation. The petitioner shall be entitled to lead any evidence to substantiate his claim before the concerned authority. Till the matter is decided by the said authority, status quo shall be maintained by the parties. It is, however, made clear that in case no such representation is filed within the stipulated period as noticed above, the interim order shall cease to operate, thereafter. ”

Since the needful was not done within the prescribed time of two months, hence the present contempt petition.

Upon notice, a reply dated 28.09.2017 by way of short affidavit of Shri Arun Kumar Gupta, Principal Secretary to Government of Haryana, Urban Estates Department, Chandigarh, on behalf of respondent, stands filed, wherein it is stated that in compliance of order dated 24.05.2016 **(P-1)**, the Zonal Administrator, HUDA-cum-Additional Director, Urban Estate, Gurugram, has passed a speaking order dated 31.07.2017 **(Annexure R/1)** on the representation of the petitioner, whereby the claim of the petitioner, after hearing to him, has been rejected, a copy of the said order dated 31.07.2017 **(R/1)** has already been endorsed to the petitioner.

In view of above, learned counsel for the parties concede that since the order dated 24.05.2016 **(P-1)** stands complied with, therefore, no

further action in the present contempt is warranted, as the same has become infructuous.

Disposed of as infructuous.

May 03, 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>