

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

**COCP No.84 of 2018 (O&M)  
Date of Decision: 18.04.2018**

**RAGHBIR CHAND GOYAL**

..... Petitioner

***Versus***

**SMT. JYOTI ARORA, IAS, PRINCIPAL SECRETARY, HIGHER  
EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, HARYANA, CHANDIGARH AND  
ANOTHER**

..... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Pale Ram, Advocate for  
Mr. Jaspal Singh Maanipur, Advocate  
for the petitioner.

Mr. D.K. Mittal, Deputy Advocate General, Haryana.

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

Petitioner (Raghbir Chand Goyal), had filed writ petition bearing *CWP No.14392 of 2015*, seeking release of gratuity withheld by the department, was disposed of by this Court vide order dated 16.01.2017 (**Annexure P-1**), with a direction '*to release the gratuity withheld by them immediately with interest at the rate of 9% per annum starting from 3 months of the date of retirement till payment*'.

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

Upon notice, a status report dated 13.03.2018 by way of affidavit of Shri Vijay Singh Dahiya, IAS, Director General Higher

Education, Haryana, Panchkula, on behalf of respondents, stands filed, wherein it is stated that in compliance of order dated 16.01.2017 **(P-1)**, the amount of gratuity had already been released to the petitioner on 28.09.2017, whereas the payment of interest @ 9% on account of withheld gratuity has also been released to the petitioner as on now.

In view of above, learned counsel for the petitioner states that since the order dated 16.01.2017 **(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.**

**April 18, 2018**  
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**( JASWANT SINGH )**  
**JUDGE**

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