

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

COCP No.2265 of 2018
Date of Decision: 23.1.2019

Kapoor Singh

.....Petitioner

Versus

Yashpal Singh Jadon and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE NIRMALJIT KAUR

Present: Mr. Satbir Rathore, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Kanisth Ganeriwala, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

Mr. Rishi Kaushal, Advocate, for the NHAI.

NIRMALJIT KAUR, J. (ORAL)

This order shall dispose of a bunch of contempt petitions bearing COCP Nos.2265, 2607, 2692 to 2695, 2804 to 2806, 3083, 3084, 3180, 3266, 3267, 3391, 3398, 3658, 3823, 3824, 3952 of 2018; 32, 38, 39 to 41 and 44 of 2019, as common question of law and facts are involved therein.

However, for convenience, the facts are taken from COCP No.2265 of 2018.

The present contempt petition has been filed for non-compliance of the orders dated 22.12.2017, 29.4.2016 and 31.7.2013. As per the order dated 31.7.2013, the writ petition was disposed of with with direction to determine the claim of the petitioners regarding grant of solatium and interest within a period of three months.

Separate replies have been filed by the State in all the aforementioned contempt petitions (except in COCP No.3391 of 2018), which are taken on record.

Reply filed in other contempt petitions is adopted in COCP

No.3391 of 2018.

It is not disputed that the award has since been passed. Copy of the same has been given to the counsel for the NHAI.

Learned counsel for the NHAI states that in order to maintain the parity with the other similarly situated persons, they shall deposit/pay the amount of solatium as per the award within two months from today. The interest amount too shall be deposited/paid within two months from today, in case, the said award is not stayed by any Court of jurisdiction, where the said award is challenged or is likely to be challenged.

In view of the above statement made by counsel for the NHAI, the aforesaid contempt petitions are disposed of.

In case, the needful is not done within the stipulated period as directed above, the petitioner(s) will be at liberty to revive the contempt petitions and the responsible officer shall be burdened with heavy penalty, which he/she shall be personally liable.

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(NIRMALJIT KAUR)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No