

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

COCP No.2529 of 2018
Date of Decision: 23.1.2019

Ranjit Singh		Petitioner
	Versus	
Yashpal Singh Jadon and others		Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE NIRMALJIT KAUR

Present: Mr. Satbir Rathore, Advocate, for the petitioner(s).
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.2529, 2530, 2532, 2605, 2606, 2608, 3265, 3268, 3394, 3744 and 3954 of 2018, as common question of law and facts are involved therein.

However, for convenience, the facts are taken from COCP No.2529 of 2018.

Learned counsel for the NHAI states that no award has been provided to them till date.

Learned counsel for the State, on the other hand has filed their separate reply in all the aforesaid contempt petitions stating therein that the award has since been passed and the copy of the same has also been placed on record as Annexure R-1. The copy of the reply along with award is also supplied to counsel for the NHAI as well as learned counsel for the petitioner(s).

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, the present petitions are disposed of with a direction to the NHA that solatium be disbursed to the petitioner(s) within two months from today and in case, the said award is not stayed by any Court of appropriate jurisdiction, the interest too shall be deposited/paid within two months from today.

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 labile.

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(NIRMALJIT KAUR)
JUDGE

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