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

**COCF No.3916 of 2018
Date of Decision: 03.10.2019**

Sukhwinder Singh

Petitioner

Versus

R.K. Sharma, Director, Directorate of Ayurveda Punjab, Food and
Dry Testing Laboratory.

Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr. Sheery K. Singla, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Aditya Sharda, AAG, Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (Oral):

The matter was passed over and is being taken in post-lunch session.

Dr. Rakesh Sharma, Director, Ayurveda Punjab is present in the Court and states that *prima facie*, Mr. Ajay Sharma, Senior Assistant appears to be defaulting official as he was dealing with the matter.

Learned State counsel submits that Mr. Ajay Sharma, Senior Assistant had come on 19.03.2019 for getting the reply vetted, yet needful was not done by the department on 26.09.2019 and learned State counsel was not in a position to assist the Court and had to seek time. Thereafter, the matter was being dealt at the usual pace by the department. Today also, learned State counsel

had no instructions, he had to give a telephonic call to the respondent department to awake them from slumber, that contempt proceedings are fixed for today.

Dr. Rakesh Sharma states that matter would be looked into in accordance with law. He assures that it will not be repeated in future.

Reply by way of affidavit of respondent filed today in the Court, is taken on record, copy handed over to learned counsel for the petitioner. Alongwith the reply, order dated 01.03.2019 has been annexed whereby 5% deduction from pension has been recalled.

Learned counsel for the respondent states that directions have been issued to the Treasury and payment would be made within eight weeks from today. However, if any formality is to be completed by the petitioner, same shall be done expeditiously.

In view of above, contempt petition is disposed of.

In case statement made today is not adhered to, petitioner would be at liberty to revive the contempt petition.

**[AVNEESH JHINGAN]
JUDGE**

October 03, 2019

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1. Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes / No
2. Whether reportable	:	Yes / No