

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

COCP No. 575 of 2018
Date of decision: 14.8.2019

Nachhattar Singh

.. Petitioner

v.

K.A.P. Sinha and others

.. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: None for the parties.

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AVNEESH JHINGAN, J. (Oral)

This is a contempt petition pleading wilful disobedience of the order dated 26.9.2017 passed by this court in CWP No. 21931 of 2017. The operative part of the said order is reproduced below:

“Accordingly, instant petition is disposed of with a direction to official respondent(s) to look into the grievances unfolded by the petitioners in their legal notice dated 10.7.2017 (Annexure P-2) and to take a conscious decision, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

In case, the petitioner still feels aggrieved of any adverse order passed by the concerned authority, he shall be

at liberty to approach this Court.”

On notice, short reply by way of affidavit of Anindita Mitra, IAS, Director, Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Punjab was filed annexing order dated 20.9.2018. As per the said order, instructions were issued to pay retiral benefits to the petitioner. Thereafter, vide order dated 14.11.2018, this Court directed the Treasury Officer to release the amount of ₹5,97,540/- to the petitioner within three weeks. Directions were also issued to Accountant General (A&E), Punjab to finalise the claim of the petitioner for death-cum-retiral gratuity as well as the pension and to release the benefits within a period of four weeks. Thereafter, compliance report by way of affidavit of Anindita Mitra, IAS, Director, Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Punjab dated 29.3.2019 was filed, wherein it has been stated that amount of leave encashment has been paid to the petitioner on 14.12.2018. It has further been informed that retiral gratuity of ₹9,34,362/- and regular pension has been sent to the petitioner's bank by the District Treasury Officer, Sangrur.

On 24.1.2019, on the written request circulated, the petition was adjourned. On 5.4.2019, again a written request was circulated but the respondents filed the compliance report.

Today again, there is none on behalf of the petitioner.

In view of the reply and the compliance report filed, no cause of action survives for pursuing the present contempt petition. The petition stands disposed of.

It is also made clear that in case there is any discrepancy in the reply or the compliance report filed, the petitioner shall be at liberty to revive the present contempt petition.

In case any grievance survives to the petitioner, he shall be at liberty to avail remedies available in accordance with law.

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

14.8.2019
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No