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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

COCN No. 2131 of 2019
DECIDED ON: AUGUST 26, 2019

RAM KUMAR

.....PETITIONER

VERSUS

A. VENU PRASAD, IAS AND OTHERS

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. B.S. Mittal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Kanisth Ganeriwala, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Himmat Singh Shergill, Advocate
for respondent No.3

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

The present contempt petition has been filed pleading wilful disobedience of the order dated 27.11.2018 passed in CWP No. 29897 of 2018.

The operational part of the order is reproduced below:-

“ Without commenting upon the merits of the case or about the entitlement of the petitioner, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondents to pass appropriate speaking order in respect of the release of the pensionary benefits of the petitioner within a period of three months from the receipt of copy of this order.”

In compliance of the order dated 16.07.2019, Mr. Karnesh Sharma, Director, Local Government, Punjab is present in Court and tenders an unconditional apology for the delay in compliance of the order.

Replies filed on behalf of respondents No.1 and 3 are taken on record. Copies handed over to the counsel for the petitioner.

Learned State counsel submits that an application for exemption of personal appearance of Principal Secretary, Local Government, Punjab is ready but the same could not be filed. He further submits that the order of this Court has been complied with.

Learned counsel for the petitioner has not disputed compliance of order. He, however, submits that the payment has been made late and petitioner be granted liberty to avail remedy for claiming interest for the delayed period.

In view of the replies filed and unconditional apology tendered, no cause of action survives for pursuing the contempt petition.

Disposed of as infructuous.

Rule issued against the respondents stand discharged.

The petitioner would be at liberty to avail remedies in accordance for his claim for interest on the delayed payment.

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(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>