

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

COCF No. 1520 of 2020(O&M)

Date of Decision: August 10, 2020.

Munish Kaplas

..... Petitioner

Versus

Anurag Verma, IAS

..... Respondent.

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Keshav Pratap Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Deepali Puri, Addl.AG.,Punjab.

LISA GILL, J.

This matter is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of the pandemic, COVID-19.

CWP No. 37519 of 2019 (Annexure P-2), was disposed of on 20.01.2020 with a direction to the Chief/Principal Secretary, Technical Education and Industrial Training Department, Punjab, to consider the petitioner's claim, as per assertions noted on behalf of the petitioner and pass a speaking order within a period of two months.

Present contempt petition has been filed alleging non-compliance of the order dated 20.01.2020, passed in CWP No. 37519 of 2019 (Annexure P-2).

Ms. Deepali Puri, Addl.AG., Punjab, while referring to a short reply by way of affidavit of Principal Secretary, Technial Education and Industrial Training, Punjab, submits that the petitioner's claim has been rejected by passing a speaking order on 07.08.2020. The delay, it is submitted has occurred due to

circumstances beyond the control of the respondent, including the outbreak of pandemic COVID-19. A copy of the short reply by way of affidavit of the Principal Secretary, Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab accompanied by order dated 07.08.2020 has been conveyed to learned counsel for the petitioner through e.mail and on the whatsapp group created for the purpose of video conference today. A copy of the same be filed in the Registry as well.

In view of the above, no further order is called for in this petition. Needless to say, the petitioner is at liberty to avail the remedy/ remedies as may be available to him to challenge order dated 07.08.2020, passed by the Principal Secretary, Technical Education and Industrial Training, Punjab.

Petition is accordingly disposed of.

August 10, 2020.
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(**LISA GILL**)
JUDGE

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