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

COCP-689-2024
Decided on:-22.08.2024

Jagan Nath

....Petitioner..

VS.

Sh. Ajoy Sharma, IAS, Principal Secretary,
Department of Local Government and ors.

....Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Mr. Jugam Arora, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Vishnav Gandhi, DAG, Punjab.

HARKESH MANUJA J. (Oral)

1. By way of present petition filed under Sections 11 & 12 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 read with Article 215 of the Constitution of India, prayer has been made for issuance of contempt proceedings against the respondents on account of alleged non-compliance of order dated 18.12.2023 passed by this Court in CWP-28468-2023.

2. Learned State counsel, on instructions from Balwinder Pal, Senior Assistant, Local Government, submits that the disciplinary proceedings pending against the petitioner in pursuance of charge-sheet dated 16.05.2023, shall be concluded within a period of 08 weeks from today.

3. Considering the fact that the petitioner retired from his service on attaining the age of superannuation on 31.07.2023 and his retiral benefits

have been withheld on account of aforementioned charge-sheet, in case the respondents are not able to conclude the disciplinary proceedings as committed herein above, the officer concerned would be liable to pay a sum of Rs.2 lakhs as costs from his/her own pocket in favour of the petitioner.

4. Disposed of accordingly. Rule stands discharged.

22.08.2024
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(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE

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