



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

COCN No.4010 of 2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 20.05.2024

AMRIT LAL BATHLA (DECEASED) THROUGH HIS LRS

.....Petitioner

Versus

SUDHIR RAJPAL AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJBIR SEHRAWAT

Present: Mr. V.B. Aggarwal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Aggarwal, DAG, Haryana.

RAJBIR SEHRAWAT, J. (ORAL)

1. This is a contempt petition filed under Section 12 of the Contempt of Courts Act, for initiating contempt proceedings against the respondents for non-compliance of the order dated 12.10.2018 passed in CWP-24349-2014.

2. Learned counsel for the respondents has submitted that the enquiry against the petitioner, on account of which his gratuity amount was withheld, had already been concluded on 07.04.2015. Immediately thereafter, the amount of gratuity was paid to the petitioner on 18.05.2015 through the Accountant General, Haryana. Therefore, there has not been any delay in the entire matter. Still further, the instructions dated 20.02.2002 specifically provide that the interest on the delayed payment would be available only if there is delay of more than three months. Therefore, there is no contempt on the part of the respondents qua the order passed by the Court.



3. The factum regarding the date of disposal of the enquiry proceedings and the date of making payment of the gratuity is not even disputed by the counsel for the petitioner.

4. In view of the above, this Court does not find any ground to continue with the present petition any more.

5. Dismissed.

6. However, if any grievance of the petitioner is left un-redressed, he would be at liberty to raise the same in any alternate remedy, but in accordance with law.

(RAJBIR SEHRAWAT)
JUDGE

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No