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

COCP-1715-2025

Date of decision: 05.05.2025

Dr. Jagtar Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

Prof. Karamjit and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Jagtar Singh Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Divya Godara, Advocate for the respondents.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

1. This is a contempt petition filed under Sections 10 and 12 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 for deliberate and intentional disobedience of judgment dated 10.09.2024 (Annexure P-1) passed by the Coordinate Bench of this Court in CWP-15775-2020 titled as “Dr. Jamshid Ali Khan and others Vs. Punjabi University Patiala and others”.

2. On 10.09.2024, a Coordinate Bench of this Court had disposed of the writ petition filed by the petitioners with the following observations:-

“With regard to one of the petitioner namely, Dr. Jagtar Singh against whom certain issues are pending, the respondents are directed to finalize the said issues also within a period of 03 months from the date of receipt of copy of this order and thereafter, whatever benefits the said petitioner Dr. Jagtar Singh is found entitled for, the same be released to him without any further delay.

Present petition stands disposed of in above terms.



Civil miscellaneous application pending,if any is also disposed of.

September 10, 2024”

3. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the Punjabi University, Patiala, has handed over a photocopy of the decision dated 02.05.2025 which is taken on record and marked as Mark “A” and a copy of the same has been given to learned counsel for the petitioner and has highlighted the fact that initially on 08.11.2024, decision had been taken to release the retiral benefits to the petitioner except gratuity but thereafter subsequently in the meeting held on 07.04.2025, it had been decided that in view of the medical condition of the petitioner, the gratuity would also be released. Relevant portion of the said decision is reproduced hereinbelow:-

“In accordance with the recommendation of the committee constituted to decide the matter regarding the final payments of retiral benefits of Dr. Jagtar Singh and the order of Vice-Chancellor, it was decided on 08.11.2024 that his retiral benefits be released except Gratuity. Apart from this, the inquiry officer was written to give a report in writing about the early disposal of the same. Subsequently, in the meeting held on 07.04.2025, considering the fact that Dr. Jagtar Singh is suffering from Complicated Chronic Disease, it was decided that his gratuity should be released. However, the inquiry proceedings against Dr. Jagtar Singh shall continue and if any recovery is found against him after inquiry, same shall be recovered from Dr. Jagtar Singh's pension.

Sd/- 02.05.2025

Registrar”

4. Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner has submitted that although in the reply dated 22.01.2025 (Annexure P-10), the



respondents have submitted that leave encashment and furlough leave would be released but till date, same have not been released.

5. Learned counsel for the respondents has submitted that the amount due to the petitioner would be duly released in accordance with the decision taken by the authorities within a period of six weeks from today.

6. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that in view of the same, the present contempt petition be disposed of at this stage but liberty be granted to the petitioner to revive the same in case the respondents do not release the said amount within a period of six weeks from today.

7. Accordingly, the present contempt petition is disposed of at this stage with liberty aforesaid.

05.05.2025

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**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes/No

Whether reportable:-

Yes/No