



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

COCP-2010-2024(O&M)
Date of decision: 27.10.2025

Janhit Committee

... Petitioner

Versus

Deputy Commissioner, Nuh, Haryana

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM AGGARWAL

Present: Mr. Imtiyaz Hussain, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Mr. Anuj Garg, DAG, Haryana.

VIKRAM AGGARWAL, J. (ORAL)

CWP-PIL-134-2021 was disposed of vide order dated
03.08.2021 (Annexure P-1):-

“This petition has been filed by the petitioners alleging multifarious irregularities, frauds and embezzlements in the MGNREGA scheme of the Government of India by the private respondents in connivance with the official respondents in District Nuh at Mewat. He further submits that people who died and do not exist have been taken on record and are being paid the salary and other benefits under the MGNREGA scheme and thereby several irregularities and embezzlement of funds of MGNREGA Scheme are taking place in the said District. He alleges that inspite of filing several representations and complaints before the concerned authorities, no action has been taken thereon.

Learned Additional Advocate General
appearing for the respondent-State of Haryana



submits that under section 19 of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act 2005 (MGNREGA), a grievance redressal mechanism has been provided pursuant to which rules have been framed by the State of Haryana. He submits that in such circumstances, the representations/complaints (Annexure P-94) filed by the petitioners before the Deputy Commissioner, Nuh at Mewat, shall be considered and decided by the authorities expeditiously. He further submits that the authorities shall make endeavour to decide the aforesaid representations filed by the petitioners at the earliest and shall also call for details and if so required give opportunity of hearing to the petitioners to establish or clarify the allegations or facts mentioned by them in the said complaints/representations. He further submits that the orders passed by the authorities would be communicated to the petitioners, who would thereafter have a remedy of filing an appeal in accordance with the rules framed by the State of Haryana.

In view of the aforesaid statement made by learned Additional Advocate General, Haryana, the petition filed by the petitioners' stands disposed of."

2. The instant contempt petition alleges willful disobedience of the aforesaid directions.
3. A perusal of the record shows that a number of status reports have been filed from time to time pursuant to the orders passed in the instant contempt petition.



4. Orders dated 23.10.2024, 02.12.2024 and 19.12.2024, passed in the present petition read as under:-

Order dated 23.10.2024:

“Short reply by way of affidavit dated 22.10.2024 of Sh. Dhirendra Khadgata, Deputy Commissioner, Nuh, filed on behalf of the respondent, is taken on record. Copy thereof has been supplied to the opposite side.

Registry to do the needful.

Learned counsel for the respondent informs that the enquiry pertaining to remaining twenty-eight (28) villages shall be concluded within a period of four weeks from today and appropriate steps shall be taken thereupon at the earliest, thus, prayer is for adjournment.

List on 02.12.2024.

To be shown in the Urgent List.”

Order dated 02.12.2024:

“Considering the fact that almost a period of 3 years and 3 months has gone by, yet, the compliance of Writ Court has not been carried out so far. The direction was issued by Writ Court on 03.08.2021, having waited for around 3 years, the petitioner approached this Court by filing the present contempt petition, whereas, notice of the petition was issued on 31.05.2024; despite having availed an approximately 6 months, the needful has not been done.

In such compelling circumstances, the respondents are directed to conclude the entire exercise as directed by the Writ Court within a period of two weeks from today. In case of default, the respondents shall pay cost of Rs.1,00,000/- towards



litigation expenses for having made the petitioner approach this Court twice; once having filed the Writ Petition followed by filing of the present contempt petition.

List on 19.12.2024.

To be shown in the urgent list.”

Order dated 19.12.2024:

“Compliance affidavit of Mr. Vishram Kumar Meena (IAS), Deputy Commissioner, Nuh, on behalf of the respondent has been filed along with order dated 18.12.2024 passed by the Chief Executive Officer, DRDA-cum-District Programme Officer, MGNREGA, Nuh, which is taken on record. As per the same, a sum of Rs.59,90,450/- is recoverable from Ex-Sarpanches/Mate/Job Card Holders of concerned Gram Panchayats in District Nuh.

Learned State counsel, on instructions, submits that the recovery shall be effected within a period of 06 weeks from today.

List on 17.02.2025.

The respondent shall also inform this Court as to why job cards issued in terms of MGNREGA have not been linked with the Aadhar Cards, on the date fixed.”

5. Status report filed by way of affidavit of Deputy Commissioner, Nuh, dated 04.09.2025, states as under:-

“7. That in compliance of the directions dated 19.12.2024 of this Hon'ble Court, a detailed report has been sought from the Additional Deputy Commissioner-cum-Chief Executive Officer and District Programme Coordinator MGNREGA Nuh which is annexed at Annexure R-1.



8. That the Additional Deputy Commissioner-cum-Chief Executive Officer and District Programme Coordinator MGNREGA Nuh vide their letter dated 03.09.2025, informed that an amount of Rs 2741831/- has been recovered from 24 nos of Ex-Sarpanches of Gram Panchayats out of 30 Ex-Sarpanches, in terms of the award passed by the LOKPAL MGNREGA Nuh, in reference to the Gram Panchayats mentioned in the CWP PIL No. 134 of 2021.

9. That it is pertinent to mention here that the Ex-Sarpanches of Gram Panchayats Hazipur and Indana Block Punhana have not deposited the recovery amount and went to this Hon'ble Court by filing CWP No. 2305 of 2025 for quashing the order for recovery passed by the LOKPAL MGNREGA Nuh. The same has been dismissed as withdrawn vide order dated 29.01.2025 which is annexed at Annexure R-2.

10. That the Ex-Sarpanch of another gram panchayat namely Hasanpur Nuh block Nagina, to whom an amount of Rs 1494820/- to be recovered as per orders of the LOKPAL MGNREGA, Nuh, had also approached this Hon'ble Court by filing CWP No. 6902 of 2025 titled as Mohd. Sharfuddin Vs State of Haryana and the same has been dismissed by this Hon'ble Court on dated 17.03.2025.

11. That in compliance of the order dated 19.12.2024 passed by this Hon'ble Court in the present COCP, an amount of Rs. 27,41,831/- (out of 59,90,450/-) has already been recovered from the Ex-Sarpanches of 24 Gram Panchayats (out of 30 Gram Panchayats). It is further respectfully submitted that since an amount of Rs 3248619/- could not be recovered from Ex-Sarpanches of 6 Panchayats



namely Ranika, Hasanpur Nuh (Both Nagina Block), Dungran Sahjadpur (Pingwan Block), Hajipur, Indana and Nai (all three from Punhana Block) after making sincere efforts.

12. That non-recovery of the amount as per award ordered by the LOKPAL MGNREGA, Nuh, the predecessor of the deponent vide letter dated 07-03-2025 and reminder dated 29-08-2025, directed the Sub-Divisional Officers (Civil) of Sub-division Ferozepur Jhirka and Punhana to start the recovery proceeding against all the Ex-Sarpanches under section 53 of Haryana Panchayati Raj Act 1994. It is pertinent to mention here that the Block Development Panchayat Officer Punhana, Nagina & Pingwan has requested the concerned Sub Divisional Officers (Civil) to initiate the recovery proceedings to declare the "Arrear of land Revenue" for recovery of the remaining amount. Copy of letters of Block Development & Panchayat Officers Nagina, Punhana & Pingwan is annexed at Annexure R-3.

13. That as far as the direction of this Hon'ble Court about the non linkage of Job Cards issued under MGNREGA with Aadhar Cards, as per Annual Master Circular 2024-25, Chapter 14 Para No.1 of the MGNREGA Scheme, it is submitted that earlier, the credit might have happened using the banks/Post office account of the beneficiary with which the account was linked. Since 1st January, 2024, all workers under Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA) scheme are to receive their wages through an Aadhaar-based payment system (ABPS) only. It is further submitted that in terms of above circular



2024-25, all job cards have been linked with Aadhar Card facility. A copy of Chapter 14 of Annual Master Circular 2024-25 is annexed herewith as Annexure R-4 for the kind consideration of the Hon'ble Court.”

6. A perusal of the directions issued by the Division Bench in CWP-PIL-134-2021, the orders passed in the instant contempt petition from time to time, and the compliance report show that substantial compliance has been made. However, in case any grievance still subsists, the petitioner shall be at liberty to avail all such remedies as shall be admissible in law.
7. No further orders are, therefore, required to be passed. The contempt petition is accordingly disposed of.
8. Pending application(s), if any, also stands disposed of.

**(VIKRAM AGGARWAL)
JUDGE**

October 27, 2025
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Whether speaking / reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No