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

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Date of Decision:06.11.2025

Ashok Kumar Meena, IAS

....Appellant(s)

Versus

Gourav Garg and others

.....Respondent(s)

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ROHIT KAPOOR**

Present: Mr. Shivendra Swaroop, Advocate,
Ms. Shanvi Dadhwal, Advocate,
Ms. Ashna Singh, Advocate,
Mr. Aryaman Nain, Advocate,
for the appellant.

Shri Jatin Sharma respondent No.2 in person.

ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA, J. (Oral)

1. This LPA has been filed against an order dated 07.07.2025 passed in COCP No.1191-2025 (which was arising out of CWP No.16884 of 2019 decided on 23.01.2025 by the learned Single Judge).

2. Learned Single Judge decided CWP No.16884 of 2019, in the wake of order dated 29.05.2024 rendered in CWP NO.17619 of 2019. On



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29.05.2024, following order was passed in CWP-17619-2019 and other connected cases by the learned Single Judge:-

“6. Learned Advocate General, Haryana further submits that all the vacant posts will be identified and against the identified posts out of total 964 posts, the claim of the petitioners will be considered for appointment on the post in question on the basis of their merit keeping in view the category in which they are competing and after ascertaining where, any post is vacant in the said category or not and if found that the posts are vacant in the category in which the petitioners are competing, the petitioners will be considered for selection and appointment against those posts subject to their eligibility.

7. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that keeping in view the statement of learned Advocate General, Haryana, no further grievance of the petitioners survives in the present petitions hence, the present petitions may kindly be disposed of having been not pressed any further but the respondents be time bound to conclude the said exercise so that the petitioners do not suffer any prejudice.

8. Ordered accordingly.

9. Learned Advocate General, Haryana submits that the exercise will be completed within a period of four months of the receipt of copy of this order.”

3. While passing the order dated 07.07.2025, in the contempt petition, the Court took note of the stand of the respondents/appellant that the petitioner shall be made to join in terms of the previous order and they have admittedly been allowed to join. The contempt proceedings were initiated wherein the counsel for the petitioner came up with a stand that he does not



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want to press the contempt petition. Thereafter, the Rule was discharged but an enquiry was directed to be conducted. It is this part of the order which was challenged in the present appeal on the ground that the Contempt Court exceeded the scope of proceedings and once the order of writ Court had been complied with and the counsel for the petitioner stated that he does not intent to press the contempt petition, there was no occasion for the Court to proceed any further.

4. This Court on the previous occasion has already stayed the operation of the order dated 07.07.2025 passed in COCP-1191 of 2025 and connected matter by the learned Single Judge.

5. Heard learned Senior counsel for the appellant and Sh. Jatin Sharma (respondent No.2), who has appeared in person.

6. After having examined the material placed on record, we find that the order of the writ Court had been complied with. Learned counsel for the respondent had also made a statement in contempt proceedings, not to press the contempt petition. In such circumstances, there was no occasion for the Court to have proceeded any further in the contempt petition or to direct holding of any enquiry etc.

7. In view of the above, the present Letters Patent Appeal is allowed and the directions issued by the Contempt Court contained in the order dated 07.07.2025, passed in COCP-1191-2025, for further enquiry etc. to be conducted is set aside. The contempt proceedings are consigned to records.



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8. Pending application(s), if any, also stand(s) disposed of.

(ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA)
JUDGE

(ROHIT KAPOOR)
JUDGE

November 06, 2025
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Whether speaking	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No