



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

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COCP-191-2026**Date of decision : 23.03.2026****Kuldip Singh****..... Petitioner****versus****Pritpal Singh and another****..... Respondents****CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PANKAJ JAIN**

Present: Mr. Suresh Kumar Dhiman, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Sanjiv Ghai, Advocate and
Mr. Manpreet Singh, Advocate
for the respondents.

PANKAJ JAIN, J. (Oral)

1. An affidavit on behalf of the respondents has been filed. The same is taken on record. As per respondents, there are no arrears of salary due against them and the petitioner has been duly paid his salary for the period during which he worked. Mr. Ghai further submits that it is explicit from the order that the petitioner was never engaged after 01.04.2016.
2. Counsel for the petitioner relies upon para 7 of the order Annexure P-1 which reads as under:-

“7. In the wake of above discussion and findings, this Court does not find any compelling reason to direct the respondents to regularize the petitioner, however, this order would not inhibit the respondents to engage the petitioner in future on daily wage or part time basis. The respondent shall release outstanding salary, if any, of the petitioner within two months from today.”



3. He contends that as per his instructions, the petitioner is yet to be paid his salary for two years. However, neither there is any detail for the year for which he has not been paid, nor has the Writ Court specifically ordered the respondents to release outstanding salary. The expression used is ‘if any’. Since the respondents on affidavit have taken a specific stands that there is no salary due to be paid, this Court does not find it to be a ground to hold the respondents to be wilfully disobedient and thus, liable for contempt.

4. In view thereof, no further order is required to be passed.

5. Petitions stands disposed off. However, liberty is granted to the petitioner to avail his alternative remedies in accordance with law, if any of his grievance still remains.

6. Ordered accordingly.

(PANKAJ JAIN)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether Reportable : No