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

COCP-1624-2026

Date of decision: 19.05.2026

Ramesh and others

...Petitioners

Versus

Apoorva Kumar Singh and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Mayank Garg, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Tarun Aggarwal, Addl. A.G. Haryana.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

1. This is a Contempt Petition filed under Section 10 read with Section 12 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 for initiation of contempt proceedings against the respondents for their willful and intentional disobedience of the order dated 16.01.2026 (Annexure P-1) passed by the Coordinate Bench of this Court.

2. On 11.05.2026, this Court had passed the following order:-

“On 07.05.2026, this Court was pleased to pass the following order:-

*“Present:- Mr. Mayank Garg, Advocate (Through Video Conferencing) &
Ms. Komal Parveen Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.*

Mr. Tarun Aggarwal, Addl. A.G. Haryana with



Mr. Anil Kumar Dahiya, respondent No.2

(Through VC) and

Mr. Raj Kumar, Nain, respondent No.4 in person.

On 23.04.2026, this Court had passed the following order:-

“Present: Mr.Mayank Garg, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Raj Partap Singh Brar, AAG, Haryana.

On 09.04.2026, this Court was pleased to pass the following order:-

“Present:- Ms. Komal Parveen Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Raj Partap Singh Brar, AAG, Haryana.

Learned State Counsel prays for an adjournment to submit compliance report.

Adjourned to 23.04.2026.

Let compliance report be filed within a period of two weeks from today.

To be shown in the urgent list.

09.04.2026”

Learned State counsel prays for yet another adjournment to submit compliance report.

Adjourned to 07.05.2026.

In case the compliance report is not submitted and the necessary relief in pursuance of the order dated 16.01.2026 passed by the Co-ordinate Bench of this Court is not granted by the next date of hearing, respondent no.4 is directed to appear in person and respondent no.2 is directed to appear through video conferencing on the next date of hearing.



April 23, 2026”

Till date, neither compliance report has been submitted nor the order has been complied with.

When this Court was about to proceed further in the matter, learned Additional Advocate General, Haryana, has vehemently prayed, on instructions from Raj Kumar Nain-respondent No.4 who is present in person as well as Anil Kumar Dahiya-respondent No.2 who has appeared through VC, that last opportunity be granted to the respondents to make the payment and in case the respondents are wanting to file LPA then the said payment be made subject to the decision of LPA. It is further submitted that in case payment is not made by 11.05.2026, then, the respondents would pay an additional amount of Rs.10,000/- to each of the petitioners over and above the amount which is due to the petitioners.

Adjourned to 11.05.2026.

To be taken up at 12:00 noon.

It is made clear that in case the compliance is not done on or before the next date of hearing, then, apart from the respondents paying the amount of Rs.10,000/- to each of the petitioners, as undertaken before this Court, respondent Nos.2 and 4 are directed to be present in person before this Court on the next date of hearing.

07.05.2026”

Learned counsel for the respondents, on instructions from respondent no.4 (Raj Kumar, Executive Engineer) has submitted that the petitioners have been regularized w.e.f. 01.10.2003 subject to the outcome of the LPA filed by them and a copy of the order dated 09.05.2026 has been handed over to the Court which is taken on record as Mark A. A copy of the same has been given to learned counsel for the petitioners.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that still no amount has been paid to the petitioners.



Learned counsel for the respondents, on instructions from respondent no.4 (Raj Kumar, Executive Engineer) has submitted that the entire payment including arrears as well as interest and also the amount of Rs.10,000/- which is to be paid to each of the petitioners would be released before the next date of hearing and in case the same is not released, then, a further amount of Rs.20,000/- to all the petitioners together would be paid.

Adjourned to 19.05.2026.

To be taken up at 12:00 noon.

In case the compliance is not done and the entire amount due with respect to arrears, interest etc. as well as the amount of Rs.10,000/- to each of the petitioners is not paid, then, in addition to the said amount, the respondents would be liable to pay another amount of Rs.20,000/- to the petitioners and also respondents no.2 and 4 are directed to be present in person on the next date of hearing.”

3. Learned counsel for the respondents-State has submitted that the principal amount, interest as well as the cost imposed have been paid and regarding the same, three documents have been produced during the course of arguments in the Court today which are taken on record and have been marked as Mark ‘A’, ‘B’ and ‘C’ and a copy of the same have been given to learned counsel for the petitioners.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that as per his calculation, more amount is due towards the petitioners and has prayed that the present contempt petition be disposed of but liberty be granted to the petitioners to institute appropriate proceedings including execution proceedings for recovery of the said amount.

5. Learned counsel for the respondents-State has submitted that in case any such proceedings are instituted, then, liberty be granted to the



respondents also to raise all the pleas, in accordance with law.

6. Keeping in view the abovesaid facts and circumstances, the present contempt petition is disposed of. Liberty as sought by the petitioners is granted.

7. In case, any such proceedings are instituted, it would be open to the respondents-State to raise all the pleas, in accordance with law.

8. All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand disposed of in view of the abovesaid order.

19.05.2026

Pawan

**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No