



CWP-16788-2022 (O&M)

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

(243)

CWP-16788-2022 (O&M)

Date of Decision : 24.03.2026

Gurbaj Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

Managing Director/General Manager,
Pepsu Road Transport Corporation, Nabha Road,
Patiala and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present: Mr. Nitish Garg, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Anil Sharma, Advocate and
Ms. Devyani Sharma, Advocate
for respondents No.1 and 2.

KULDEEP TIWARI, J. (ORAL)

1. Through the instant writ petition, cast under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, a prayer is made for issuance of modification of award dated 25.10.2021 (Annexure P-1), as passed by respondent No.3.

2. At the very outset, learned counsel for respondents No.1 and 2, apprises this Court that the award (supra), has already been put to challenge by the respondents/Management, and the Coordinate Bench of this Court in ***CWP-23308-2021*** and other connected matters, through a verdict dated 21.04.2025, has already set aside the impugned award, and remitted the matter for fresh adjudication. The relevant extract of the said judgment is reproduced hereinafter :-

“12. As, the appointment order issued to the respondent-workman shows that the respondent-workman was



appointed by respondent No. 3- contractor and respondent No. 3-contractor was also a party in claim petition raised by the respondent-workman, the labour Court should have decided upon the aspect as to whether, the respondent-workman has any claim against respondent NO. 3-contractor with regard to any violation of the provisions of Industrial disputes Act, 1947. The cases are remanded back to the labour Court for the fresh adjudication of the present case so as to decide upon the issue that whether, the respondent-workman are the employees of the respondent No. 3-contractor or not and whether they are entitled for any service benefit or not.

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14. As the impugned award dated 18.11.2020 (Annexure P-1) has been set aside herein above, the claim raised by the respondent No. 2- workman for enhancing the compensation amount in civil writ petition CWP-25738-2021 (O&M), CWP No. 16974 of 2022 and CWP NO. 356 of 2022 is rendered infructuous, hence, no order is required to be passed in the said writ petition with regard to the enhancement of the compensation. Accordingly the writ petitions are disposed of having been rendered infructuous.”

3. Since the legality of the impugned award has already been considered and adjudicated by the Coordinate Bench, which had set aside the impugned award, thereof, the instant writ petition is also **disposed of** in the same terms.
4. Pending applications, if any, stands disposed of accordingly.

(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

March 24, 2026
Manpreet

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No