



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

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COCP-5210-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 27.01.2026

Manjeet Kaur

...Petitioner

V/s

Anurag Verma and another

...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM AGGARWAL

Present: Mr. K.S. Sidhu, Advocate, for the petitioner.
Ms. Shiny Chopra, AAG, Punjab.

VIKRAM AGGARWAL, J (ORAL)

On 27.10.2025, the following order was passed:-

"CWP No. 11531 of 2018 was allowed on 24.02.2020 (Annexure P-1). Apart from other directions, the following direction was issued:-

"Thirdly, the process of offering appointment, completion of other formalities also takes a lot of time and therefore, the competent authority ought to have honoured the directions of this Court and should have stopped further process of conversion even if memo dated 26.12.2016 had been issued. Therefore, this Court in view of the above, deems it appropriate to direct respondents to consider the petitioner in Ex-serviceman (Female) General Category and a direction is given to the official respondents to consider the petitioner for selection and appointment on the basis of her merit secured in ex-serviceman General (Female) Category with all consequential benefits of appointment from due date, fixation of salary and consider her candidature against one of the posts of Sub-Inspector Ex-serviceman General (Female) category. For this purpose, the Competent Authority is directed to consider the fact that vide memo dated 26.12.2016 it was directed that upcoming vacancy of Ex-serviceman General (Male) will be filled up by Ex-serviceman General (Female) as per rules on priority basis."

Though, in compliance with the other directions issued, appointment was offered to the petitioner and the petitioner joined the services as well but the grievance is willful disobedience of the aforesaid

directions. The petitioner, therefore, preferred CWP No. 17117 of 2025 which was disposed of vide order dated 08.09.2025 (Annexure P-4) granting liberty to the petitioner to avail remedies as permissible by law with respect to other prayers.

Learned State counsel prays for some time to seek instructions.

Adjourned to 27.01.2026.”

2. Today, learned State counsel has produced a copy of speaking order dated 22.01.2026, which is taken on record as Mark 'X' wherein, it has been stated as under:-

“Therefore, as per the above opinion received by the Office of the Director General of Police, Punjab, Chandigarh in compliance with the orders passed by the Hon’ble Punjab and Haryana High Court in Civil Writ Petition No.11531/2018 dated 24.02.2020, while granting notional seniority to SI Manjit Kaur No.105/RRT, instead of her actual recruitment date of 13.10.2021, she is considered to be recruited after the last candidate recruited in her category (Ex-serviceman General (Female) in the direct recruitment of the rank of SI as per Advertisement-2016, and accordingly due entry will be made in the merit list/seniority list by the Office of the Director General of Police, Punjab, Chandigarh and financial benefits and allowances will also be paid. By this order the above contempt notice dated 25.07.2022 sent by the lawyer of SI Manjit Kaur No.105/RRT is disposed off.”

3. Learned State counsel submits that all outstanding dues shall be paid to the petitioner within a period of four weeks. She further submits that the decision taken in the speaking order as regards seniority etc. shall also be entered into the service record within the said period.

4. That being so, learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the petitioner does not wish to pursue the instant contempt petition, at this stage. He, however, submits that in case, the statement given by learned State counsel is not honoured, he be granted the liberty to file an application for revival of the instant contempt petition.

5. Ordered accordingly. The instant contempt petition is dismissed as not having been pressed, at this stage with liberty aforesaid.

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

(VIKRAM AGGARWAL)
JUDGE

January 27, 2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No