



126 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CACP-130-2025

Date of decision: 16.03.2026

Sachin

...Appellant

Vs.

Anurag Rastogi, IAS and others

...Respondents

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

Present: Ms. Vibhuti Naraina, Advocate
for the appellant.

Mr. Pankaj Middha, Addl. A.G. Haryana.

ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA, J. (Oral)

1. This contempt appeal arises out of an order passed by the learned Single Judge rejecting the contempt petition filed by the appellant.
2. The contempt petition arose out of an order passed by this Court in LPA-839-2022 arising out of an order passed by learned Single Judge in CWP-7873-2019. Learned Single Judge had allowed the claim of the appellant and issued a direction for his appointment. In the appeal, following observations were made:-

"16. We are, therefore, of the view that the direction issued by the learned Single Judge for offering appointment to the writ petitioner merits no interference.

17. After the arguments were concluded in the matter yesterday, we were inclined to impose costs upon the State for having denied employment to the writ petitioner, for all these years, despite that claim of the writ petitioner was allowed by the learned Single Judge vide the impugned



order and no stay was operating in favour of the State.

18. Today, written instructions have been produced from the State Govt. stating that the case of the writ petitioner will be considered in terms of the order of learned Single Judge dated 18.04.2022, subject to fulfillment of the other required conditions of recruitment, as would be applicable to him.

19. Since the appellant-State in the affidavit filed before the learned Single Judge has clearly stated the Committee constituted by the State has found the writ petitioner eligible for appointment, as such, we are of the view that the claim of respondent-petitioner for appointment will have to be accorded consideration in terms of the opinion already expressed by the Committee constituted for such purpose and claim of the writ petitioner shall not be overlooked only because he has become overage etc. An appropriate order in terms of the undertaking given by the State, would be passed, within a period of six weeks from today.

20. In such view of the matter and considering the undertaking given by State before the Court, we refrain from imposing any costs upon the State.

21. Accordingly, the appeal filed by the State is found to be meritless and the same is accordingly dismissed. The appellants shall now comply with the directions issued by the learned Single Judge within four weeks from today."

3. Despite the aforesaid order passed, since appointment letter was not issued as such the contempt petition was filed, which was dismissed by learned Single Judge.

4. While entertaining the appeal, we directed the learned State counsel to obtain appropriate instructions in the matter. Today, when the



matter is taken up, an appointment order dated 13.03.2026 issued in favour of the appellant has been placed on record.

5. Though, grievance of the appellant stands redressed with issuance of the appointment letter but learned counsel for appellant states that the authorities, while issuing the appointment letter, have described the appointment to be temporary, which could be terminated at any stage.
6. Learned State counsel, on the basis of instructions obtained from Jagdish, Deputy Director, Sports Department, Haryana states that all regular appointments in such category have been issued in similar fashion. The appointment letters issued earlier to persons of such category as also for other categories have been placed on record, which are similarly worded. The letters of appointment issued to the other persons are taken on record as Mark 'X'.
7. In view of the fair stand taken by the respondents that the appointment offered to the appellant is at par with all other regular appointments, we do not find further grievance to subsist on part of the appellant, which may require any further interference.
8. The contempt petition is accordingly ***disposed of***.
9. Pending application(s), if any, stand(s) disposed of.

(ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA)
JUDGE

(ROHIT KAPOOR)
JUDGE

16.03.2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned :
Whether Reportable :

Yes
Yes

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No