



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

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COCP No.3350 of 2023 (O & M)**Date of decision :-29.09.2025****Ravinder Singh****.....Petitioner****Versus****Anurag Rastogi, Addl. Chief Secretary to Govt. of Haryana-cum-
Commissioner and Secretary, PWD (B&R), Mini Secretariat,
Sector 17, Chandigarh and others****.....Respondents****CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE NIDHI GUPTA**

Present:- Mr. Deepak Girotra, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Naveen Kumar, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

NIDHI GUPTA J. (Oral)

Present contempt petition has been filed alleging violation of interim order dated 22.5.2019 (Annexure P-1) passed by a Predecessor Bench of this Court in CWP-8999-2019 titled as "Rajesh and others vs State of Haryana and others", wherein it was ordered that "*....In the meantime, the respondent-department is directed to immediately relieve 16 employees who have been employed through contractor an reinstate 16 petitioners on the principle of first come last go, subject to the condition that their work and conduct is satisfactory and the petitioners can be relieved on the joining of regularly selected candidates.*"

Learned counsel for the respondents-State submits that no contempt is made out against the respondents as the petitioner was



a contractual employees. Vide order dated 22.5.2019 a direction was issued to allow the petitioner to continue. Accordingly, services of the petitioner were reinstated. It is submitted that in pursuance to the said order dated 22.5.2019, 15 of the 16 writ petitioners have joined. Appointment letter was offered to the petitioner, however, he had refused to join. In any event, the main CWP-8999-2019 stands dismissed vide order dated 22.4.2025. It is submitted that therefore, no cause of action survives.

Copy of the aforesaid order dated 22.4.2025 produced by the learned counsel for the respondents-State is taken on record. Copy thereof is supplied to learned counsel for the petitioner. Registry to tag/paginate the same at appropriate place in the paper-book.

Heard.

In view of the submissions made by learned counsel for the respondents, which are not controverted by learned counsel for the petitioner, the present contempt petition is **dismissed**.

Rule stands discharged.

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

September 29, 2025

Vijay Asija

(NIDHI GUPTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes / No

Whether Reportable Yes / No