



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

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**COCP-3284-2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 02.09.2025**

Rakesh Kumar Pandove

.....Petitioner

Vs.

Dilraj Singh, IAS

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SUDEEPTI SHARMA

Present: Mr. Dharmender Singh Rawat, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ravneet Singh Joshi, DAG, Punjab

SUDEEPTI SHARMA J. (Oral)

1. The present contempt petition has been filed for deliberate and intentional disobedience of order dated 28.02.2024 passed by this Court in CWP-29294-2023.

2. The relevant portion of order dated 28.02.2024 passed by this Court in CWP-29294-2023, is reproduced as under:-

“3. Learned State counsel is unable to rebut the factual position in this matter and also cite any contrary law.

4. In view of the aforesaid, the present petitions are disposed of in terms of the judgment passed in Charan Dass, Prem Kumar Verma and Gurmeet Singh (supra).”

3. Learned State counsel submits that in compliance of order dated 28.02.2024, compliance affidavit of Dilraj Singh, IAS,



Administrative Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Rural Development Panchayats, Vikas Bhawan, Sector-62, SAS Nagar, Punjab dated 27.09.2024 along with Annexure R/1 and R/2, has been filed. He further submits that in compliance of order dated 28.02.2024, a speaking order dated 25.09.2024 has been passed.

4. The relevant portion of compliance affidavit of Dilraj Singh, IAS, Administrative Secretary to Government of Punjab, Department of Rural Development Panchayats, Vikas Bhawan, Sector-62, SAS Nagar, Punjab, filed on 25.09.2024, is reproduced as under:-

“2. That in pursuance of the above orders it is submitted that the department vide office order No. CE(PR)/Acc/21/44/2175 dated 13.10.2021 (Annexure R1) has already given the benefit of pay parity to Sh. Rakesh Kumar Pandove, Sub Divisional Officer (Retired) by stepping up his salary with his junior officer Nirmal Chand, Sub Divisional Officer (Retired).

3. That further it is pertinent to mention that the above orders of grant of benefit of pay parity to Sh. Rakesh Kumar Pandove, Sub Divisional Officer (Retd) with his junior issued vide this office order dated 13.10.2021 (Annexure R1) has been reviewed in light of judgment passed by Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court in CWP No. 29294 of 2023.

4. That the above orders passed by the respondent department found to be in conformity to the judgments dated 18.11.2008, CWP- 5956-2008, titled as Charan Dass vs State of Haryana, and 07.08.2012, CWP-17280-2011, Prem Kumar Verma and others vs State of Haryana, and 06.12.2012, CWP-18307-2011, Gurmeet Singh and another vs Punjab School Education Board



and others. Accordingly speaking order dated 25.09.2024 (Annexure R2) has now been also passed in this regard.”

4. A perusal of the above shows that order dated 28.04.2024 passed by this Court in CWP-29294-2023, has been complied with by passing speaking order dated 25.09.2024. This fact is not disputed by learned counsel for the petitioners.

5. In view of the above, the contempt is purged and rule is discharged.

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

(SUDEEPTI SHARMA)
JUDGE

September 02nd, 2025

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Whether speaking/non-speaking : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No