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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

COCP-906-2023

Date of decision: 19.09.2025

JATINDER KUMAR KHARA

..Petitioner

Versus

KRISHAN KUMAR AND ANR

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SUDEEPTI SHARMA

Present: Mr. Harish Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Animesh Sharma, Addl. A.G, Punjab.

SUDEEPTI SHARMA, J. (Oral)

1. The contempt petition has been filed for deliberate and intentional disobedience of order dated 31.03.2022 passed in CWP-850-2018.
2. The relevant paras of order dated 31.03.2022 are reproduced as under:-

*“In the present case, the pensionary benefits of the petitioner were only released to him in March, 2018. Nothing has been brought to the notice of this Court by the respondents either in the reply or during the arguments that there was any impediment in releasing the pensionary benefits of the petitioner. That being so, the delay in release of the pensionary benefits of the petitioner is attributed upon the respondents only, which makes the petitioner entitled for the grant of interest on the said delayed release of payments keeping in view the laws cited hereinbefore in **A.S. Randhawa's case** (supra) and **J.S. Cheema's case** (supra).*



In view of the above, the petitioner is held entitled for the grant of interest at the rate of 6% per annum on the delayed release of the pensionary benefits, from the date the said amount became due till the date of actual release of the same to him.

Let the calculation of the interest under this order be done within a period of two months from the date of receipt of the copy of this order and the amount so calculated be released in favour of the petitioner within a period of next one month.”

3. Learned State counsel contends that in compliance of order dated 31.03.2022, affidavit of Mr. Navpreet Singh Ghuman, Executive Engineer, Lehal Canal Division, Water Resources Department, Punjab, Patiala, has already been filed.

4. The relevant paras of affidavit of Mr. Navpreet Singh Ghuman, Executive Engineer, Lehal Canal Division, Water Resources Department, Punjab, Patiala, are reproduced as under:-

“12. That on receipt of above said legal opinion, again calculations were sent to Deputy Controller (F&A), Internal Audit Branch (Revenue), Finance Department, Punjab for pre-auditing and the said office attested/vetted the calculations vide letter dated 23.01.2023 as follows:-

- 1) Leave encashment : Rs.15,997/-*
- 2) D.C.R.G. : Rs.66,486/-*
- 3) G.P.F. : Rs.9002/-*
- 4) Pension : Rs.25,295/-*

True translated copy of letter dated 23.01.2023 is attached herewith as Annexure R-5/T.

13. That ultimately, a sanction for the payment of Rs.1,16,780/- i.e. interest amount to the petitioner was received from the head office and accordingly, the



payment was made to the petitioner after following due procedure and fulfilling necessary official requirements in the matter.”

5. A perusal of affidavit filed by Mr. Navpreet Singh Ghuman, Executive Engineer, Lehal Canal Division, Water Resources Department, Punjab, Patiala shows that order dated 31.03.2022 passed in CWP-850-2018, has been complied with. This fact is not disputed by learned counsel for the petitioner.

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

September 19th, 2025

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**(SUDEEPTI SHARMA)
JUDGE**

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