



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

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**COCP No.2694 of 2025 (O & M)
Date of decision :-15.09.2025**

Sapna Mittal

.....Petitioner

Versus

**Smt. Anindita Mitra, Secretary, Department of Higher Education and
Languages, Civil Secretariat Punjab, Chandigarh and others**

.....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE NIDHI GUPTA

Present:- Mrs. Anju Arora, Advocate with
Mr. Bobby Girdhar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Manmeet Singh Teji, AAG Punjab.

Mr. Abhay Gupta, Advocate for respondent No.4.

NIDHI GUPTA J. (Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for initiation of contempt proceedings against the respondents for not complying the order dated 27.1.2025 (Annexure P-1) passed by a co-ordinate Bench of this Court in CWP-2105-2025 titled as “Sapna Mittal vs. State of Punjab through Secretary, Department of Higher Education” vide which the petition was disposed of with a direction to the respondents “...to consider and decide the email/representation dated 04.1.2025, in accordance with law, within 2 months.”

Mr. Abhay Gupta, Advocate has put in appearance and filed Memorandum of Appearance on behalf of respondent No.4. The same is taken on record.

Learned counsel for the parties are *ad idem* that vide judgment dated 14.7.2025 passed by the Supreme Court in SLP (Civil) No.23141 of 2024 titled as “Mandeep Singh and others vs. State of Punjab and others”, the



entire recruitment process has been set aside as directed in para 61 of the said judgment, which reads as follows :-

“xxx xxx xxx

61. Thus, considering the entire facts of the case, we allow these appeals and set aside the order dated 23.09.2024 passed by the Division Bench of the Punjab and Haryana High Court and quash the entire recruitment and direct the State to initiate the recruitment process as per the 2018 UGC Regulations which are now in force in the State of Punjab.

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Learned counsel for the respondents-State, on instructions from Mr. Harpreet Singh Sudan, Director, Department of Higher Education, Punjab submits that in view of the above no cause survives in the present contempt petition.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that keeping in view the statement made by learned counsel for the respondents, the present contempt petition may be disposed of with liberty to the petitioner to take recourse to the appropriate remedy as per law.

In view of the above noted facts and submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioner, the present contempt petition is **disposed of** with liberty to the petitioner to take recourse to the appropriate remedy, as per law.

Rule stands discharged.

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

September 15, 2025
Vijay Asija

(NIDHI GUPTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes / No
Whether Reportable Yes / No