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

**CM No. 4699-CII of 2025 in/and
COCP No. 2922 of 2023 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 10.03.2025**

Sandeep Singh and others

..... Petitioners

Versus

Amandeep Singh Bhatti, PCS, Director Higher Education
(College-1 Branch), Chandigarh Administration,
Chandigarh and another

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

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

Mr. Amit Jhanji, Senior Standing Counsel, U.T., Chandigarh with
Ms. Sukhmani T. Patwalia, Advocate
for respondent No. 1 (Applicant in CM-4699-CII-2025)

Mr. R.S. Cheema, Advocate
for respondent No. 2-DAV College, Sector-10, Chandigarh.

HARKESH MANUJA, J. (ORAL)

CM No. 4699-CII of 2025

Prayer in the instant application moved on behalf of the applicant-respondent No. 1, is for recalling of the order dated 27.02.2025 passed by this Court to the extent that costs of Rs. 20,000/- may be waived off.

[2] It is averred that the impugned order dated 16.02.2023 passed in the main writ petition has already been stayed in connected Special Leave Petition(s) and respondent No. 1 has already filed an application for stay separately in SLP No. 17109 of 2024 filed in the present case; thus prayer is

for waiving of the costs of Rs. 20,000/- as imposed vide order dated 27.02.2025 passed by this Court.

[3] Learned counsel for respondent No. 1 also submits that the claim of petitioners was considered vide judgment dated 16.02.2023 in a bunch of petitions with lead case *CWP-17064-2017*, titled “*Ajay Kumar Singla and others Versus State of Punjab and others*”, which was later challenged by the State of Punjab before the Hon’ble Supreme Court by filing *SLP (Civil) Diary No. 27201 of 2023*, titled “*State of Punjab and others Versus Anita and another*”, wherein, vide order dated 22.09.2023, it has been ordered that “*in the meantime, the contempt proceedings, if any, initiated against the petitioners shall remain stayed.*” He further submits that the decision rendered by the Hon’ble Supreme Court could not have been implemented in part, thus, there was no intention on the part of respondent to delay the contempt proceedings.

[4] Upon advance notice, learned counsel(s) for the non-applicants appear and accept notice.

[5] After hearing learned counsel for the parties and with their consent, hearing of the main case is preponed from 18.03.2025 and is taken up today itself.

MAIN CASE

In the light of order dated 22.09.2023, passed by the Hon’ble Supreme Court in *SLP (Civil) Diary No. 27201 of 2023*, titled “*State of Punjab and others Versus Anita and another*”, present contempt petition is **disposed off** at this stage with liberty to the petitioners to revive the same, subject to final outcome of the aforesaid SLP.

[2] The costs imposed vide order dated 27.02.2025 passed by this Court, shall be exempted.

[3] Rule stands discharged.

[4] Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

March 10, 2025

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(HARKESH MANUJA)

JUDGE

<i>Whether Speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>