



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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COC-4980-2024 (O&M)

Date of decision: 24.03.2026

Baldev Singh

....Petitioner

Versus

Vimal Kumar Setia & ors.

....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE NIDHI GUPTA

Present:- Mr. R.S. Rangpuri, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amtiaz Singh Sandhu, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Ashwani Prashar, Advocate
for respondent No.4.

NIDHI GUPTA, J.

1. The present contempt petition has been filed alleging violation of order dated 09.08.2024 (Annexure P-1) passed by the Writ Court in CWP-16052-2020, titled as 'The Punjab State Agricultural Cooperative Societies Employees Union Punjab vs. State of Punjab and another'.

2. At the very outset, It is submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that the present contempt petition is not being pressed in view of the fact that all payments due to the petitioner stands released to him.

3. It is additionally pointed out by learned counsel for the respondents that in any event, the petitioner has no entitlement to retirement benefits in view of the latest judgment dated 05.03.2026 passed by the Coordinate Bench of this Court in CWP-1422-2026, titled as 'Samarjit Singh Vs. State of Punjab & ors.', wherein it is held as under:-

“39. In view of the above discussions, this Court is of the considered opinion that the 1997 Service Rules, framed by the Registrar, Co-operative Societies under Rule 28 of the 1963 Rules, are ultra vires the 1961 Act. Thus, the petitioner(s)-employees do not possess any vested or



*enforceable right to claim retiral benefits from the respective employer-Societies on the strength of the 1997 Service Rules. Further, once the 1997 Service Rules are held to be unenforceable and are categorically admitted to be non-statutory in nature, a writ petition seeking their enforcement would not be considered maintainable. Accordingly, **CWP No.1422 of 2026, CWP No.6003 of 2026 and CWP No.1443 of 2026** are hereby **disposed of** as being non-maintainable.”*

4. Dismissed as not pressed.
5. Rule stands discharged.
6. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

(NIDHI GUPTA)
JUDGE

24.03.2026

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- i) Whether speaking/reasoned?
- ii) Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No