

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN
JODHPUR

S.B. Writ Contempt No. 85/2024

Ratan Singh Shaktawat

-----Petitioner

Versus

Dr. B.d. Kumawat & Ors.

-----Respondents

For Petitioner(s)	:	Mr. Manvendra Singh Rathore Mr. Yashveer Singh
For Respondent(s)	:	Mr. Harish Purohit Mr. Sunil Purohit Mr. Samandar Singh Bhati, Registrar, Agricultural University, Jodhpur

HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE REKHA BORANA

Order

11/02/2026

1. The present contempt petition has been filed alleging disobedience of order dated 14.08.2023 (Annex.C/1) passed in S.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 3611/2014.
2. On 18.08.2025, last opportunity of three weeks was granted to the respondents to file a compliance report. On that date, it was observed that if no compliance report is filed by the next date, Registrar of the respondent University shall remain present on the next date i.e. 09.09.2025.
3. On 09.09.2025, Registrar of the respondent University remained present before the Court as the order was not complied with. However, on that date, a submission was made that a due drawn statement had been prepared by the Department on 30.08.2025 and it was ensured that the amount as specified in the said statement would be paid to the petitioner as soon as the Vice

Chancellor of the University is appointed. The matter was then directed to be listed on 06.10.2025 and in the meantime, the respondents were directed to pay the due amount as computed by them, to the petitioner. Order of regularisation was also directed to be passed with immediate effect.

4. The matter was then listed on 17.10.2025. On that date, as none was present for the respondents, the matter was adjourned to 29.10.2025.

5. On 29.10.2025, a submission was made by counsel for the respondents that a challenge to order dated 14.08.2023 has been laid before the Division Bench and the respondents are hopeful of getting an interim order. On such submission been made, the matter was adjourned.

6. On 15.12.2025, it was submitted on behalf of the respondents that in pursuance to order dated 04.11.2025 passed by the Division Bench whereby the appeal as filed by the respondents stood disposed of, order of regularisation of the petitioner has already been passed. However, regarding the grant of actual monetary benefits, it was submitted that the matter had been referred to a Committee and necessary orders will be passed within a period of three weeks. In view of the submission made, one last opportunity of four weeks was granted to comply with order dated 14.08.2023. On non compliance thereof, respondent No.3 was directed to remain personally present before the Court.

7. Today, Mr. Samandar Singh Bhati, Registrar of the respondent University is personally present and Office Order dated 27.01.2026 has been placed on record whereby it has been observed that arrears of the actual monetary benefits to the tune

of Rs. 52,02,823/- shall be paid to the petitioner in two installments; first installment of 50% of the amount shall be paid before 31.03.2026 and the remaining 50% would be paid in the first quarter of Financial Year 2026-27. The Registrar present before the Court ensures that 50% of the amount would be paid as observed in the above Office Order.

8. However, this Court is of the clear opinion that Office Order dated 27.01.2026 itself is in clear disobedience of the Orders of the Court. It is sufficient to show that the respondents are not inclined to comply with the orders of the Court. Despite an assurance been given on 09.09.2025 by the Registrar of the University, till date, not a single penny has been paid to the petitioner. Today also, an order has been placed on record whereby a decision to pay 50% of the amount has been taken and that too, on some subsequent date. The same is in clear disobedience not only of order dated 14.08.2023 but also of order dated 04.11.2025 passed by the Division Bench whereby the respondents were directed to comply with the orders within a period of four weeks. Further, it is also in contravention to the assurance given by the Registrar himself before the Court on 09.09.2025.

9. In view of the above, respondent No.3 is directed to file a specific affidavit/explanation as to why he be not punished for willful disobedience of the orders of the Court. The affidavit/explanation be filed within a period of fifteen days.

10. List the matter on 23.02.2026.

11. If by the next date, complete amount of Rs. 52,02,823/- is not paid to the petitioner, the Court shall proceed on to pass appropriate orders of punishment qua all the responsible persons.

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