

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

Date of Decision: 27.07.2026

101-1
COCP-5394-2025 (O&M)

CNR No:PHHC011759132025
2026:PHHC:103226



Ranjit Singh

..... Petitioner

Versus

Varinder Kumar Sharma, Director, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer
Affaris, Anaj Bhawan, Sector-39, Chandigarh

..... Respondent

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COCP-1757-2026 (O&M)

CNR No:PHHC010604852026
2026:PHHC:103238



Lovely and others

..... Petitioners

Versus

Varinder Kumar Sharma, IAS, Secretary-cum-Director, Department of Food,
Civil Supplies and Consumer Affaris, Punjab

..... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Mr. Shiv Kumar, Advocate
 for the petitioner (in COCP-5394-2025).

 Mr. Jatinderpal Singh, Advocate
 for the petitioner (in COCP-1757-2026).

 Mr. Nirmaljit Singh Diwana, Senior DAG, Punjab.

HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)

This order shall dispose of two contempt petitions, i.e. COCP No.5394 of 2025 and COCP No.1757 of 2026, as both have been filed alleging non-compliance of a common order dated 14.05.2025 (Annexure P-1) passed by this Court in CWP No.12972 of 2021 and CWP No.1932 of 2021.

2. For the sake of convenience, the facts available on the record of COCP No.5394 of 2025 are being referred.

3. In COCP No.5394 of 2025, reply by way of an affidavit dated 23.02.2026 of Sh. Varinder Kumar Sharma, Secretary-cum-Director, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Punjab, has been filed on behalf of the respondent, which is already on record. Along with the same, a copy of the order dated 19.02.2026, passed by the Secretary-cum-Director, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Punjab, has also been annexed as Annexure R-1.

4. Learned State counsel, while referring to the aforesaid order dated 19.02.2026 (Annexure R-1), submits that the directions contained in the common order dated 14.05.2025 (Annexure P-1) passed by this Court in CWP No.12972 of 2021 and CWP No.1932 of 2021, already stand complied with.

5. The said fact is also not disputed by learned counsel(s) for the petitioners and they submit that the present contempt petitions may be disposed of by granting liberty to the petitioners to avail their remedies against the aforesaid order dated 19.02.2026 (Annexure R-1), in accordance with law (if so advised).

- 6. Learned State counsel has not disputed to the aforesaid course being adopted.
- 7. Ordered accordingly.
- 8. All the pending application(s), if any, shall also stand closed.
- 9. Photocopy of this order be placed on the file of connected case.

27.07.2026
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(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE

- 1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
- 2. Whether reportable : Yes/No