

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

COCF no. 1883 of 2014(O&M)

Date of Decision :11.01.2016

Court on its own motion

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

Davinder Pal Singh Dhaliwal

...Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE MAHESH GROVER

Present : Mr.Arun Jindal, Advocate for the respondent-contemner

MAHESH GROVER, J.

CM no. 22983-CII of 2015

Allowed as prayed for.

Main case

This matter was referred by the Trial Court. Davinder Pal Singh Dhaliwal was granted bail subject to certain conditions, one of them being that he shall not leave country without permission of the Court. The respondent violated this condition to travel abroad on 11.3.2009 but is stated to have returned on 4.5.2009. During this interregnum the respondent has been acquitted of the charges against him in the criminal trial and his bail bonds have been forfeited on account of the cancellation of bail resulting from the default indicated above.

Learned counsel representing Davinder Pal Singh Dhaliwal states that his bail bonds have been forfeited and he had suffered enough. However, he

does not deny that he has violated the conditions imposed by the Court.

On due consideration of the matter the respondent needs to be proceeded against on the issue under reference only to send a message that the orders of the Court cannot be treated lightly to result in violations. But since he has been acquitted I would not deem it appropriate to embark upon the process that may result in visiting penal consequences of detention in prison for the violation but would deem it appropriate to visit consequences of fine upon him. The contemner is thus directed to deposit costs to the tune of Rs.25,000/- before the Punjab Legal Services Authority within a period of 3 weeks from today.

Disposed of.

January 11, 2016
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(Mahesh Grover)
Judge