

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

(1) C.O.C.P. No.1949 of 2016 in CWP No.11939 of 2016

Dalip Buildcon Limited

..... Petitioner

Versus

Sh. Kuldeep Kumar, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and another

..... Respondents

(2) C.O.C.P. No.1950 of 2016 in CWP No.11959 of 2016

Punj Lloyd Limited-VRC Construction (I) Pvt. Ltd. (JV)

..... Petitioner

Versus

Sh. Kuldeep Kumar, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and another

..... Respondents

(3) C.O.C.P. No.1951 of 2016 in CWP No.12166 of 2016

Patel Infrastructure Private Limited

..... Petitioner

Versus

Sh. Kuldeep Kumar, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and another

..... Respondents

Date of Decision: 16.02.2017

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Aman Sharma, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mz. Sudeepti Sharma, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

Mrs. Anju Arora, Advocate for respondent No.2.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (Oral)

This common order shall dispose of the aforesaid three contempt petitions as they emerge out of common facts.

Three petitioners' companies were awarded contracts by the State of Punjab for undertaking the widening of roads upon certain sections of

National Highway 71. Since the execution of the works entailed cutting of

trees abutting the existing roads, they filed the aforesaid three writ petitions challenging an order dated 19.05.2016 (**Annexure P-5**) passed by the National Green Tribunal (NGT), New Delhi, restraining any kind of felling of trees while executing the aforesaid works.

In the aforesaid writ petitions filed by the petitioners' companies, the interim order(s) were passed on 06.06.2016 (**Annexure P-6**), staying the operation of the order dated 19.05.2016 (**P-5**) passed by the NGT.

Since the petitioners were still not being permitted to cut the trees for execution of their works inspite of the interim order dated 06.06.2016 (**P-6**) in their favour, they were constrained to file the aforesaid contempt petitions.

Upon notice, learned Counsel for the respondents submit that the order dated 19.05.2016 passed by the NGT was subsequently stayed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the SLPs filed by the State of Punjab, whereby four months' window have been provided for execution of the undertaken works for widening of the roads by exempting the rigors of the order dated 19.05.2016.

At the time of hearing, it is conceded that the present set of contempt petitions have become infructuous in view of the changed circumstances as stated by the State of Punjab.

In view of the above, no further action is warranted.

Accordingly, the present contempt petitions stand dismissed as infructuous.

February 16, 2017
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(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE

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