

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH.**

COCP No.2494 of 2017

Date of Decision:-04.04.2018

M/s Hardev Singh & Company.

.....Petitioner.

Versus

Jaspreet Kaur Talwar, Principal Secretary, Govt. of Punjab & Ors.

.....Respondents.

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH.

Present:- Mr. PKS Phoolka, Advocate for the Petitioner.

Mrs. Lavanya Paul, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

JASWANT SINGH, J.(ORAL)

Petitioner has alleged the violation of order dated 05.11.2014 (Annexure P-1) passed by this court in CWP No. 21046 of 2014, whereby State of Punjab was directed to publish the names of all contractors who are entitled for amount payable for the work done by them and thereafter release the same immediately.

Learned Counsel for petitioner contends that despite the directions issued by this court on 05.11.2014 (P-1), neither any list of contractors entitled for money has been published, nor the amount has been released till date. Thus, it is prayed that contempt proceedings be initiated against the respondents.

I have learned counsel for the parties at length and of the

deserves to be dismissed.

As per Section 20 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, no court can entertain any contempt petition after expiry of one year from the date when the contempt is alleged to be committed. For ready reference, Section 20 of the Act, 1971 is reproduced as under:

“ 20. *Limitation for actions for contempt.—No court shall initiate any proceedings of contempt, either on its own motion or otherwise, after the expiry of a period of one year from the date on which the contempt is alleged to have been committed.* ”

Admittedly, the order was passed on 05.11.2014 (P-1) and more than two and half years have gone by, before the present contempt petition was initiated. Without going into the merits of the allegations made in the contempt petition, it is evident that the present petition is clearly beyond the period of limitation and therefore, same cannot be entertained in view of the statutory bar contained in the Act itself.

In view of the above, finding no merit in the present contempt petition, the same is hereby dismissed, being barred by limitation.

(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No