

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

**C.O.C.P. No.2975 of 2016
Date of Decision: 12.02.2018**

Prem Singh and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

Ajay Kumar and another

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASWANT SINGH

Present: Mr. Deepak Arora, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mrs. Lavanya Paul, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab.

JASWANT SINGH, J. (Oral)

The petitioners had filed CWP No.13602 of 2015 seeking directions to the official respondents to take action against the private respondents as well as other persons, who are conducting illegal mining in the area of Hadbast No.354, situated in Village Madhopur, Tehsil and District Pathankot. The said petition was disposed of by learned Division Bench of this Court, vide order dated 16.11.2015 (**Annexure P-1**) on the statement of learned Counsel appearing for private respondents that respondent Nos.7 to 9 therein are only carrying of the business of stone crushing and the material is supplied by Gurdeep Singh Royalty Collection Contractor. It was also stated that the private respondents have no intention of carrying out any activities and they shall not do so without obtaining a valid license or permit. Despite the aforesaid statement, the respondents herein now joined hands with the private parties, who are conducting illegal mining, hence the present contempt petition.

Upon notice, status report by way of an affidavit dated 17.02.2017 of Sh. Amit Kumar, IAS, Deputy Commissioner, Pathankot stands filed, wherein it is stated that the Director, Deptt. of Industries and Commerce, Punjab had constituted a Committee to inspect the spot, who submits its Enquiry Report dated 21.12.2016 (**Annexure R-1**). It is also stated that on the online complaint dated 09.12.2016 (**Annexure R-2**) of the petitioner, the spot was inspected by the officials of the Mining Office, Pathankot, who submitted their inspection report dated 13.12.2016 (**Annexure R-3**).

Learned Counsel for the respondents submits that the present petition has become infructuous as the aforesaid directions stand complied with.

The concern of the petitioners stands substantially addressed and, therefore, no useful purpose would be served at this stage to continue with the present contempt petition.

In view of the above, the present contempt petition is disposed of as infructuous.

February 12, 2018

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(JASWANT SINGH)
JUDGE

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