

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

COCP No. 416 of 2019
Date of decision: 19.8.2019

Mahender Singh and others

.. Petitioners

v.

B. K. Sinha and another

.. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr. Shalender Mohan, Advocate for the petitioners.
Mr. Sandeep S. Mann, Senior DAG, Haryana.

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AVNEESH JHINGAN, J. (Oral)

The present contempt petition has been filed pleading wilful disobedience of the order dated 18.7.2018 passed by this Court in CWP No. 17290 of 2018. The operative part of the said order is reproduced below:

“In view of the above factual position, this petition, at this stage is being disposed of without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, by giving a direction to respondents to look into the legal notice dated 12.4.2018 (Annexure P-3) of the petitioners and decide the same in accordance with law, within a period of six months' from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.”

The matter was adjourned to enable the learned counsel for the State to verify and seek instructions with regard to compliance of the order.

Learned counsel for the State submits that there is a

communication gap and the instructions could not be received. He makes a prayer that some reasonable time be granted for compliance of the order, in case not already complied with.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that the direction was issued in July, 2018 to decide the legal notice within six months but the same has not been complied with within the given period.

In view of the facts and circumstances of the case, let the needful be done within six weeks from today. In case of failure to decide the legal notice, the petitioner would be at liberty to revive the contempt petition.

However, it is made clear that in case the petitioner is forced to revive the contempt petition, costs may be imposed which shall be recoverable from the defaulting official.

The contempt petition stands disposed of.

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

19.8.2019
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No