

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

COCP No. 3302 of 2019
Date of decision: 20.9.2019

Pali Ram Bansal and others

.. Petitioners

v.

Sh. S. K. Dubey and others

.. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

**Present: Mr. D. S. Patwalia, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Kannan Malik, Advocate for the petitioners.**

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AVNEESH JHINGAN, J. (Oral)

The petitioners filed CWP No. 25427 of 2019 challenging the order dated 7.9.2019 transferring them while holding the post of Branch Manager under the Punjab Gramin Bank. The grievance raised was that transfer made was in violation of the transfer policy of the Bank. The petitioners had joined at their place of posting in the months of February and June, 2019 and they were being transferred in a short span of three to six months.

Notice of motion was issued on 11.9.2019. Status quo regarding place of posting of the petitioners as it exists on that day was ordered.

The present contempt petition has been filed pleading wilful disobedience of the order dated 11.9.2019.

Learned counsel for the petitioners placed reliance on order dated 7.9.2019, whereby the petitioners have been transferred. He states that the petitioners have sent an e-mail on 13.9.2019 for joining the duty but they were not allowed to join duty.

Heard learned counsel for the petitioners and perused the paper book.

The petitioners have not been able to establish any wilful disobedience of the interim directions passed by this Court on 11.9.2019. Status quo was with regard to place of posting. There is nothing on record to show that their place of posting has been changed after passing of interim order. The order of transfer dated 7.9.2019 is of no help to the petitioners as it was earlier to the date of granting interim protection by this Court. The only grievance raised in the e-mail (Annexure P-3) is that the petitioners were not allowed to resume duty. There is no allegation that their place of posting has been changed.

In view of the above, the contempt petition is dismissed.

Needless to say that in case place of posting is changed during the operation of status quo order, they would be at liberty to file a fresh contempt petition.

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

20.9.2019
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No