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

**COCP No.524 of 2020
Date of Decision: 24.08.2020**

CHAMAN LAL RANA

.....Petitioner

Vs

SUDHIR RAJPAL

.....Respondent

CORAM: *HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH*

Present: Ms. Ananya Sharma, Advocate for
Mr. Janak Raj Rana, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Ms. Deepa Singh, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J.(Oral)

The case has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Vide order dated 16.11.2019, CWP No.21247 of 2019 was disposed of by granting liberty to the petitioner to file a comprehensive representation within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of the order. In the event of receiving the representation within the time prescribed, the respondent No.2 was directed to consider and decide the same in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible preferably within a period of two months from the date of receipt of certified

copy of the order along with the representation.

The present petition has been filed under the Contempt of Courts Act for wilful disobedience of the aforesaid order.

Respondent has filed short reply by way of affidavit, thereby narrating some facts essential for decision of the claim of the petitioner on merits.

Learned counsel for the respondent-State submitted that the order dated 16.11.2019 has given the liberty to the respondent to consider the claim of the petitioner within a period of two months. The necessary information sought to be collected by the respondent from different quarters is still awaited. The word 'preferably' would enlarge the time period further and now due to the situation arising out of COVID-19 pandemic, the necessary information could not be collected in time.

Learned State counsel however submitted that the claim of the petitioner would be decided within a period of two weeks positively on merits in accordance with law.

In view of aforesaid facts and circumstances, this contempt petition is disposed of thereby directing the respondents to consider and decide the representation/claim of the petitioner within a period of two weeks from today. Needless

to say that the claim shall be decided on merits in accordance with law.

August 24, 2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Whether reportable

(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Yes/No

Yes/No