

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

COCP No.1156 of 2020.

Decided on:- July 01, 2020.

Harjinder Singh and others

.....Petitioners.

Versus

Satish Chandra and others

.....Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA.

Present:- Mr. Jasbir Singh Mohri, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Pankaj Gupta, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

HARI PAL VERMA, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of COVID-19.

The petitioners have filed this contempt petition under Section 10 and 12 of the Contempt of Court Act, 1971 alleging therein that the respondents have deliberately and intentionally violated the order dated 04.12.2019 (Annexure P-2) passed by this Court in ***CWP No.35231 of 2019*** titled as ***Harjinder Singh and others Versus The State of Punjab and others.***

Vide order dated 04.12.2019 (Annexure P-2) passed in ***CWP No.35231 of 2019***, this Court has disposed of the petition. The relevant observations made in paragraphs No.5 and 6 of the said petition read as under:

“5. Without commenting on the merits of the case, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondents to objectively consider the legal notice dated 06.08.2019 (Annexure P-6) and also by keeping in view the contentions stated in the present writ petition by treating it as a supplementary representation and pass a speaking order, in accordance with law.

6. Let the needful be done within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.”

Learned counsel for the petitioner has argued that despite there being a time frame given by the Court, the respondents have not passed the speaking order.

At this stage, learned State counsel submits that the claim of the petitioners has already been considered and out of total 15 petitioners, who filed the aforesaid **CWP No.35231 of 2019**, the grievance of 7 petitioners has already been redressed and the respondents have deposited the amount in their provident fund. However, for the remaining 8 petitioners, the necessary exercise could not be carried out due to outbreak of COVID-19. He further submits that the claim of remaining 8 petitioners would accordingly be decided within two months from today.

In view of the aforesaid categorical statement made by learned State counsel, the present contempt petition is disposed of with a direction that in case the petitioners are entitled for the refund of contributory provident fund, the necessary amount would be credited in their respective accounts within two months from today.

The petitioners are at liberty to revive the present contempt petition in case the needful is not done within the aforesaid two months' period. In case the petitioners are forced to revive the present contempt petition, this Court may consider for imposition of costs recoverable from the erring official/officer(s).

July 01, 2020
Yag Dutt

(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes
Whether Reportable:	No