

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

COC-1171-2020

Date of Decision:-16.07.2020.

Gram Panchayat Village Salempur

.....Petitioner

Versus

Sandeep Kumar Garg and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: Mr. Dharam Bir Bhargav, Advocate for the petitioner.

Ms. Deepali Puri, Additional A.G., Punjab, for
respondent Nos.1 to 4.

Mr. Sunny K. Singla, Advocate for respondent Nos.5 to 12.

SANJAY KUMAR, J. (Oral)

This contempt case was instituted alleging willful disobedience to the order dated 17.01.2020 passed by this Court in CRM-M-2030-2020. By the said order, this Court directed the Senior Superintendent of Police, Sangrur, to take a decision on the representation dated 20.12.2019 made by the petitioner-Gram Panchayat, in accordance with law, and pass a speaking order. This exercise was to be completed within a period of 2 months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of the order.

Though this contempt case was instituted in June, 2020 alleging non-compliance with the aforesaid order, Ms. Deepali Puri,

learned Additional Advocate General, Punjab, placed on record a copy of

the speaking order dated 18.03.2020 passed by the Senior Superintendent of Police, Sangrur, in compliance with the mandate of this Court.

In the light of the aforesaid order dated 18.03.2020, it is clear that there is no disobedience, much less willful disobedience, to the order passed by this Court, warranting exercise of contempt jurisdiction. In the event the petitioner-Gram Panchayat has any grievance with the order dated 18.03.2020, it would necessarily have to seek redressal thereof by way of independent proceedings in accordance with law as the merits of the compliance, as embodied in the order dated 18.03.2020, cannot be examined in this contempt case.

Leaving it open to the petitioner to take recourse to appropriate legal remedies in accordance with law, if so advised, the contempt case is closed.

No order as to costs.

(SANJAY KUMAR)
JUDGE

July 16, 2020.

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Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes / No

Whether Reportable:-

Yes / No.