

COCP No.2106 of 2020

Date of Decision: 14.10.2020

Sukhdev Singh and others

...Petitioners

vs.

Vishawjeet Khanna and others

...Respondents

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.S. Walia.

Present: Ms. Alisha Arora, Advocate for the petitioners.

B.S. Walia, J. (VC)

1. Case is being taken up for hearing through Video Conferencing due to the outbreak of pandemic Covid-19.

2. Prayer in the Petition under Section 12 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 is for initiating proceedings against the respondents for punishing them in accordance with law for willfully disobeying order of this Court (Annexure P-1) dated 12.03.2020, in CWP No.2455 of 2020, in case titled as 'Sukhdev Singh and others versus State of Punjab and others'.

3. Learned counsel contends that vide order (Annexure P-1) dated 12.03.2020, CWP No.2455 of 2020, was disposed of by directing that in case the petitioners moved an application/representation to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Punjab, SAS Nagar and Divisional Forest Officer, SAS Nagar, respectively, the same be considered and a decision taken on the same within 06 weeks from the date of submission of representation and same be conveyed to the petitioners within a further period of 01 week but despite submission of representation to the aforementioned respondents on 03.06.2020, no decision has been taken on the representation.

5. Mr. Aditya Sharda, Asstt. AG, Punjab, who is present, accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.2 & 3 and on instructions from the aforesaid respondents states that the needful could not be done due to circumstances prevailing on account of Covid-19 pandemic but in case 03 weeks more time is granted, needful would be done and orders passed in respect thereto, would be conveyed to the petitioners.

6. The same satisfies learned counsel for the petitioners.

7. Accordingly, in view of the statement of learned counsel for the parties, the Contempt Petition is ***disposed of*** as not calling for any orders except for directing respondent Nos.2 & 3 to decide the representation submitted by the petitioners on 03.06.2020, in accordance with law, within 03 weeks from today and to convey the decision in respect thereto, to the petitioners within 01 week thereafter. However, it is made clear that in case the needful is not done within the stipulated period of time, the petitioners would be at liberty to move an application for revival of the Contempt Petition.

(B.S. Walia)
Judge

14.10.2020

'Rajneesh-Amit'

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