

COCP No.2197 of 2020

Date of Decision : 16.10.2020

Pala Singh and another

...Petitioners

Versus

Gurdev Singh and another

....Respondents

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

Present : Mr. Dinesh Kumar Chaudhary, 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 Covid-19 pandemic.

2. Prayer in the petition under Section 12 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, is for initiating action against the respondents for intentionally and deliberately not complying with order (Annexure P-1) dated 30.01.2020, passed in CWP No.2396 of 2020, in case titled as '*Pala Singh and another versus State of Punjab and others*'.

3. Learned counsel contends that vide order (Annexure P-1) dated 30.01.2020, CWP No.2396 of 2020 was disposed of by directing the Director, Rural Development and Panchayat Department, District Patiala to take appropriate action upon the petitioners' complaint dated 27.08.2019 as warranted in the facts of the case in accordance with due procedure not later than 06 weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of the order but despite lapse of the stipulated period of time, needful has not been done.

4. Notice to the respondents to show cause as to why proceedings under the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 be not initiated against them for non-

compliance with order (Annexure P-1) dated 30.01.2020, passed in CWP No.2396 of 2020, in case titled as 'Pala Singh and another versus State of Punjab and others'.

5. Mr. Navdeep Chhabra, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and on instructions from *Shri Surinder Singh, BDPO, Rajpura*, informs that exercise for compliance with the orders of this Court was initiated and the documents in respect thereto have been sent for verification to the Department of Social Security and Development of Women and Children and in case 05 weeks more time is granted, needful would be done and the decision taken would be conveyed to the petitioners.

6. The same satisfies learned counsel for the petitioners who states that in view of the assurance to do the needful in a time bound manner, he does not press the contempt petition at this stage.

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 the respondents to comply with the orders of this Court (Annexure P-1) dated 30.01.2020 passed in CWP No.2396 of 2020 within 05 weeks from today and to convey the decision taken on the complaint dated 27.08.2019 to the petitioners within a period of 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