

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

COCN No.2156 of 2020

Date of Decision : 12.11.2020

Court on its own motion

...Petitioner

Versus

Amarinder Singh Manais

....Respondent

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

Present : By order.

Mr. Vivek Chauhan, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

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. *Suo motu* contempt proceedings were initiated against the respondent after the review application filed in CWP No.27706 of 2017 was dismissed with costs of Rs.50,000/- to be personally paid by the officer, who had filed a review application for upholding denial of legitimate dues to a widow for a period of 28 years.

3. On the last date on 14.10.2020, learned State Counsel contended that the retiral benefits as admissible to the widow of the deceased employee had been released in compliance with the orders of this Court dated 18.12.2019, in CWP No.27706 of 2017 and only a sum of Rs.50,000/- imposed by way of costs vide order dated 07.08.2020 in RA-CW-159-2020, was to be deposited but that LPA had been filed against the

4. Today, learned State Counsel brings it to the notice of the Court that LPA No.791 of 2020 filed by the respondent-contemnor has been disposed of on 06.11.2020 by maintaining the costs imposed, while directing that out of the costs of Rs.50,000/- imposed, a sum of Rs.25,000/- would be paid by the respondent-contemnor, while the rest would be paid by the State and that in compliance of the orders of Hon'ble the Division Bench in LPA No.791 of 2020, the payment of Rs.50,000/- has also been deposited and that in the circumstances, the contempt petition maybe given a quietus especially since he had no intention whatsoever to deny payment of legitimate claim of the widow of the deceased employee.

5. I have considered the submissions of learned Addl. A.G. After taking into account the fact that the order, imposing costs of Rs.50,000/- has been maintained by Hon'ble the Division Bench in LPA No.791 of 2020 and out of which, a sum of Rs.25,000/- has been directed to be paid by the respondent-contemnor, I am of the view that no further proceedings are called for in the instant contempt petition and accordingly, the same is ***disposed of***, as not calling for any further orders.

(B.S. Walia)
Judge

November 12, 2020

'Rajneesh-Amit'

<i>Whether speaking/ reasoned</i>	:	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	:	<i>Yes/No</i>