

COCF No.2290 of 2020
Date of Decision : 29.10.2020

Kavita Thakur

...Petitioner

Versus

Jatinder Singh and another

....Respondents

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

Present : Mr. Suvir Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

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 Sections 10 & 12 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, is for initiating action against the respondents for intentionally and willfully disobeying / not-complying with order (Annexure P-1) dated 19.08.2020 passed in CRM-M No.23389 of 2020 in case titled as 'Kavita Thakur versus State of Punjab and others'.

3. Learned counsel contends that vide order (Annexure P-1) dated 19.08.2020, CRM-M No.23389 of 2020 was disposed of by directing respondent No.2 in the writ petition (i.e. respondent No.1 herein) to consider and decide the representation dated 06.08.2020 (i.e. Annexure P-3 in the writ petition) submitted by the petitioner in accordance with law and take such action in the matter, as may be warranted, in the facts and circumstances of the case, as expeditiously as possible but despite lapse of more than two months, needful has not been done.

4. Notice to respondent No.1 to show cause as to why

against him for non-compliance with the order of this Court dated 19.08.2020 in CRM-M No.23389 of 2020.

5. Ms. Deepali Puri, Addl. A.G., Punjab, who is present, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and on instructions from respondent No.1 states that needful could not be done due to the circumstances prevailing on account of Corona Virus Pandemic but assures that in case some more time is granted, the needful would be done and orders passed on the representation would be conveyed to the petitioner.

6. The same satisfies learned counsel for the petitioner, who states that in view of the assurance of respondent No.1 through the Addl. A.G. to comply with order dated 19.08.2020 passed in CRM-M No.23389 of 2020 within time as granted by this Court, he does not press the contempt petition, at this stage.

7. Accordingly, in the light of statement of learned counsel for the parties, the contempt petition is ***disposed of*** by directing respondent No.1 to decide the representation dated 06.08.2020 (i.e. Annexure P-3 in the writ petition) in accordance with law, to convey orders passed on the representation to the petitioner besides take such action in the matter as may be warranted in the facts and circumstances of the case within four weeks from today.

8. However, it is made clear that in case the needful is not done within the stipulated period of time, the petitioner would be at liberty to move an application for revival of the contempt petition.

(B.S. Walia)
Judge

October 29, 2020