

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

COCN No.2560-2020

Date of Decision : 19.11.2020

Raj Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

Sudhir Rajpal

....Respondent

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

Present : Mr. Yuvneet, Advocate for
Mr. Vikram Singh, 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. Learned counsel contends that vide order Annexure P/1 dated 02.07.2020, CWP No.8988-2020, was disposed of by directing the Financial Commissioner-cum-Principal Secretary to Govt. of Haryana, Department of Rural Development and Panchayat, to pass a speaking order on the petitioner's application for stay filed along with appeal dated 22.05.2020, within 10 days from the date of communication of the order, but despite lapse of sufficient period of time, needful has not been done till date, therefore, the respondent is liable to be proceeded against under the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, for violation of order dated 02.07.2020 in CWP No.8988-2020.
3. Issue notice to the respondent to show cause as to why proceedings under the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 be not initiated against him for non - compliance with orders dated 02.07.2020 in CWP No.8988 of

2020.

4. Mr. Vivek Chauhan, Addl. AG, Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent and states that needful could not be done due to circumstances prevailing on account of Corona Virus Pandemic but in case three weeks' time is granted, needful would be done and the application for stay, decided.

5. The same satisfies learned counsel for the petitioner, who states that in the circumstances, he does not press the Contempt Petition and the same may be disposed of as such at this stage while granting liberty to the petitioner to move an application for revival of the Contempt Petition, if the circumstances of the case so warrant.

6. Accordingly, in the light of the statement of learned counsel for the parties, the Contempt Petition is disposed of by directing the respondent to decide the application for stay filed by the petitioner, within three weeks from today and to make available to the petitioner, copy of the order passed on the application for stay. 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

19.11.2020

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