

COCP No.2751-2020

Date of Decision : 10.12.2020

Balwinder Kaur and others

...Petitioners

Versus

Viswajeet Khanna and another

....Respondents

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

Present : Mr. G.S. Bajwa, 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. Learned counsel contends that vide order dated 20.08.2020, CWP-12198-2020 was disposed of by directing the respondents to decide the grievance as raised by the petitioner in legal notices dated 15.02.2020, within six weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of the order, but despite lapse of the aforementioned period of time, needful has not been done till date, therefore, the respondents are liable to be proceeded against under the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, for violation of orders dated 20.08.2020, in CWP-12198-2020.
3. Issue 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 orders dated 20.08.2020, in CWP-12198-2020.
4. Ms. Deepali Puri, Addl. AG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and on instructions from respondent No.2 states that needful could not be done due to circumstances prevailing on account of

Corona Virus Pandemic but in case two weeks' more time is granted, needful would be done and orders passed on the legal notices dated 15.02.2020, would be communicated to the petitioners, within one week thereafter.

5. The same satisfies learned counsel for the petitioners, who states that in view of the assurance held out by the respondents through learned Addl. AG, Punjab, he does not press the Contempt Petition and the same may be disposed of as such at this stage while granting liberty to the petitioners to move an application for revival of the Contempt Petition, if the circumstances of the case so warrant.

6. Accordingly, in the light of statement of learned counsel for the parties, the Contempt Petition is disposed of as not pressed at this stage while directing the respondents to adhere to the assurance held out through learned Addl. AG, Punjab and to decide the claim made in legal notices dated 15.02.2020, within two weeks from today by passing a speaking order and to convey the decision taken on the same to the petitioners within a period of one 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

10.12.2020

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