

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

COCF No.2730-2020

Date of Decision : 10.12.2020

Ramesh Chander

...Petitioner

Versus

Ishwar Dass Goel

....Respondent

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

Present : Mr. G.P. Vashist, 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 dated 24.02.2020, CWP-4365-2020 was disposed of by directing the Chief Engineer (Canals), Water Resources Department, Punjab, Chandigarh, to decide legal notice dated 22.12.2019, by passing a speaking order within three months 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 respondent is liable to be proceeded against under the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, for violation of order dated 24.02.2020, in CWP-4365-2020.
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 24.02.2020, in CWP-4365-2020.
4. Ms. Deepali Puri, Addl. AG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf

could not be done due to circumstances prevailing on account of Corona Virus Pandemic but in case four weeks' more time was granted, needful would be done and orders passed on the legal notice dated 22.12.2019, would be communicated to the petitioner, within a period of one week thereafter.

5. The same satisfies learned counsel for the petitioner, who states that in view of the assurance held out by the respondent through the 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 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 statement of learned counsel for the parties, the Contempt Petition is disposed of as not pressed while directing the respondent to adhere to the assurance held out through learned Addl. AG, Punjab and to decide the claim made in the legal notice dated 22.12.2019, within four weeks from today and to convey the decision taken on the same to the petitioner 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 petitioner 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>