

COCP No.2749 of 2020

Date of Decision : 10.12.2020

Sameem

...Petitioner

Versus

Anurag Aggarwal and another

....Respondents

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

Present : Mr. Aditya 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. Prayer in the petition under Section 12 read with Section 2(b) of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, is for initiating action against the respondents for intentionally and willfully disobeying order (Annexure P-1) dated 12.11.2020 in CRWP No.9492 of 2020.

3. Learned counsel contends that vide order dated 12.11.2020 in CRWP No.9492 of 2020, the District Magistrate, Ropar, was directed to treat the application filed by the petitioner as a complaint under the provisions of the Bonded Labour (Abolition) Act, 1976 and to take immediate appropriate action, in accordance with law, within one week of receipt of certified copy of the order but despite lapse of the aforementioned period of time, no action had been taken, therefore, the respondents were

violation of order dated 12.11.2020 in CRWP No.9492 of 2020.

4. 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 violation of order dated 12.11.2020 in CRWP No.9492 of 2020.

5. Ms. Deepali Puri, learned Addl. A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and has filed report of the Sub Divisional Magistrate, Sri Chamkaur Sahib that the statement of the alleged detenues was recorded on 03.12.2020 as per which no case was made out under the provisions of the Bonded Labour (Abolition) Act, 1976, that the alleged detenues were not under any restraint and were free to move about and had also expressed their satisfaction with regard to their stay at the *brick kiln* in question. Report submitted by the learned State Counsel is taken on record. Copy thereof supplied to learned counsel for the petitioner, who on perusal of the same and on the basis of instructions received from the petitioner states that he does not press the contempt petition and may be permitted to withdraw the same.

6. In view of the statement of learned counsel for the petitioner, the contempt petition is ***dismissed as withdrawn***.

(B.S. Walia)
Judge

December 10, 2020

'Rajneesh-Amit'

Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No