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Cont. Petn. No.625 to 639 of 2020

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT MADRAS

Dated 03.08.2021

CORAM:

THE HONOURABLE MR.JUSTICE N. SATHISH KUMAR

Cont.Petn. No.625 to 639 of 2020

M/s Sundaram Finance Limited,
No.21, Patullos Road, Chennai,
rep. by its authorised Signatory
Mr.Aluru Sri Krishna

... Petitioner in all contempt petitions

Vs.

1. Mr.P.K.Sinha, Chairman cum Managing Director,
Northern Coal Field Ltd., Block B, Morwa,
Tal Singrauli, District-Sidhi, Singrauli,
Madhya Pradesh 486 889.

2. Mr. Harish Duhan,
G.M.Projects B, Northern Coal Field Ltd.,
Block B, Morwa, Tal Singrauli,
District-Sidhi, Singrauli, Madhya Pradesh 486 889.

... Respondents in all contempt petitions

PRAYER: Contempt petitions filed under Section 11, 12(4) and (5) of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 to punish the contemnors for willful and deliberate disobedience of the order of this court dated 09.03.2020, passed in Application No.8781, 8782, 8783, 8784, 8785, 8786, 8787, 8788, 8789, 8790, 8791, 8792, 8793, 8794 & 8804 of 2019.

In all contempt petitions

For petitioner : Mr.R.Uma Shankar

For respondents : Mr.T.Ramesh (for R1 and R2)



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COMMON ORDER

These contempt petitions have been filed to punish the contemnors for willful and deliberate disobedience of the order of this court dated 09.03.2020, passed in Application No.8781, 8782, 8783, 8784, 8785, 8786, 8787, 8788, 8789, 8790, 8791, 8792, 8793, 8794 & 8804 of 2019.

2. Though the petitions have been filed to punish the respondent for willfully disobeying the orders passed by this court, taking note of the situations after post Covid period, entire nation become stands still, and the garnishee is happens to be a Government Department, mere some delay is occurred in carrying out the court orders, that cannot be a ground to punish the officer for contempt of court. Normally, for taking any action by the Department level, it requires many administration sanctions and that would have lead to the delay.

Therefore, this court is of the view that, considering the pandemic situation, at this stage, punishment or issuing notice of violation does not arise.

3. Accordingly, all the contempt petitions are closed.

SD/-

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR(COMM.CASES)

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Dated at Madras this the day of 2021.

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