

COCN No.97 of 2021
Date of Decision : 14.01.2021

Satnam Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

Nawal Ram

....Respondent

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

Present : Mr. Rajesh Bhateja, 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 despite order dated 30.10.2020 in CWP No.18017 of 2020 to decide the claim made in the legal notice and to take appropriate action, as may be warranted in accordance with law, needful has not been done till date, despite repeated representations, therefore, the respondent is liable to be proceeded against under the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 for intentional and willful defiance of order dated 30.10.2020 in CWP No.18017 of 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 intentional and willful defiance of order dated 30.10.2020 in CWP No.18017 of 2020.

4. Ms. Deepali Puri, learned Addl. A.G., Punjab, accepts notice

on behalf of the respondent and on instructions from the respondent states

that needful could not be done due to circumstances prevailing on account of Corona Virus Pandemic but in case, 02 weeks' time is granted, needful would be done in terms of order dated 30.10.2020 in CWP No.18017 of 2020 and decision taken thereon would be supplied to the petitioner within a period of 01 week, thereafter,

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, while directing the respondent to adhere to the assurance held out through learned State Counsel and to look into the legal notice and take appropriate action, as may be warranted in respect there to, in accordance with law

6. Accordingly, in view of the position as noted above, as well as statement of learned counsel for the petitioner, the contempt petition is ***disposed of as not pressed at this stage***, while directing the respondent to look into the legal notice and take appropriate action, as may be warranted in respect there to, in accordance with law in terms of order dated 30.10.2020 in CWP No.18017 of 2020 within 02 weeks from today. 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

January 14, 2021
'Rajneesh'

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