

COCP No.170 of 2021

Date of Decision : 25.01.2021

Sukhpal Singh Gill

...Petitioner

Versus

Manpreet Singh, IAS and others

....Respondents

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

Present : Mr. Chander Sekhar Singhal, Advocate for Mr. Deepak Nayyar, 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 for the petitioner contends that CWP No.10047 of 2020 was disposed of vide order dated 20.07.2020 by directing the Director, Department of Rural Development and Panchayat, Punjab, to consider and decide the petitioner's representation dated 04.06.2020 within 03 months from the date of receipt of certified copy of the order but despite supply of certified copy of the order and lapse of the stipulated period of time, needful has not been done, till date, therefore, the instant petition for initiating action against the respondents for intentional and willful defiance of order dated 20.07.2020 in CWP No.10047 of 2020.

3. Issue notice to respondent No.1 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 20.07.2020 in CWP No.10047 of 2020.

notice on behalf of respondent No.1 and states that representation dated 04.06.2020 could not be decided on account of the same not having been received by the respondent and the same was obtained recently by the respondent from the writ petition filed in Court, therefore, in case, 04 weeks' time is granted, needful would be done and decision taken on the same would also be supplied to the petitioner.

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 respondent No.1 to adhere to the assurance held out through learned State Counsel and to decide the representation dated 04.06.2020 within a stipulated period of time.

6. In view of the position 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 respondent No.1 to adhere to the assurance held out by him through learned State Counsel and decide representation dated 04.06.2020 within 04 weeks from today and to furnish copy of the decision to the petitioner within 01 week, thereafter.

7. Needless to mention, 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 25, 2021

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