

COCP No.240 of 2021 (O&amp;M)

Date of Decision : 11.02.2021

Sonia

...Petitioner

**Versus**

Gurinder Bir Singh

....Respondent

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

Present : Mr.G.S. Gopera, Advocate for the petitioner.

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**B.S. Walia, J. (VC)**

1. Case is being taken up for hearing through Video Conferencing due to Covid-19 pandemic.

2. Learned counsel contends that despite order dated 29.09.2020 in CWP No.15631 of 2020 directing the Director, Health and Family Welfare, Punjab to decide representations dated 12.03.2020 and 26.07.2020 submitted by the petitioner within two months from the date of receipt of certified copy of the order and certified copy of the order having been supplied and stipulated period of time having lapsed, needful has not been done till date by the respondent, therefore, the respondent is liable to be proceeded against under the Contempt of Courts, 1971 for intentional and willful defiance of order dated 29.09.2020 in CWP No.15631 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 29.09.2020 in CWP No.15631 of 2020.

4. Mr. Navdeep Chhabra, learned DAG, Punjab accepts notice

Superintendent, office of Director, Health and Family Welfare, Punjab, states that needful could not be done on account of circumstances prevailing due to corona virus pandemic but in case one week's time is granted, needful would be done and decision taken thereon would also be communicated 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 at this stage while directing the respondent to adhere to the assurance held out through the learned State Counsel and to decide the claim made in representations dated 12.03.2020 and 26.07.2020 within a stipulated period of time.

6. In view of the position noted above as also the statements of learned counsel for the parties, the contempt petition is disposed of as not pressed at this stage while directing the respondent to decide representations dated 12.03.2020 and 26.07.2020 in terms of the assurance held out through learned Deputy Advocate General within 10 days from today and to communicate decision in respect thereto to the petitioner within one week thereafter. 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**

**February 11, 2021**

*'Rajneesh'*

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