

COCp-520-2021

Date of Decision: 01.03.2021

Naresh Kumar

...Petitioner

vs.

Puneet Goyal

...Respondent

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

Present: Mr. Ashish Goklaney, Advocate for the petitioner.

B.S. Walia, J. (VC)

1. Case is being taken up for hearing through Video Conferencing due to Covid-19 pandemic.
2. Instant petition has been filed for initiating action against the respondent under the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 for not deciding representation submitted by the petitioner in terms of order dated 11.11.2020, in CWP-19049-2020, within three months of date of receipt of certified copy of the order and releasing payment, to the petitioner within two months thereafter and in case of the amount not being payable, to pass a reasoned order and to communicate the same to the petitioner forthwith.
3. At the outset, Mr. Aditya Sharda, AAG, Punjab, puts in appearance on behalf of the respondents and states that non compliance was not intentional but due to administrative exigencies on account of circumstances prevailing on account of coronavirus pandemic but compliance would be done within three weeks and in case of finding the petitioner entitled to payment, the same would be made to the petitioner

within two weeks thereafter and in case the petitioner was not found entitled to any payment, reasoned order would be passed on the representation within aforementioned period of three weeks and would be communicated to the petitioner within one week thereafter.

4. In view of the statement of learned AAG, Punjab, I am of the view that no action is required to be taken on the Contempt Petition at this stage. Accordingly, the same is disposed of as such. However, liberty is granted to the petitioner to move an application for revival of the Contempt Petition if compliance is not made by the respondents within the aforementioned stipulated period of time while making it clear that in case an application for revival is moved, serious view would be taken in the matter.

(B.S. Walia)
Judge

01.03.2021
'Rajesh'

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