

COCp-608-2021

Date of Decision: 08.03.2021.

Kulpreet Singh

...Petitioner

vs.

Sukhjipal Singh

...Respondent

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

Present: Mr. Sandeep Bansal, 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. Prayer in the instant Contempt Petition is for initiating action against the respondent under the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, for not taking decision on the legal notice dated 10.01.2020, in terms of order dated 17.06.2020, within the stipulated period of six weeks from the date of order.
3. Before the case could be heard on merits, Mr. Aditya Sharda, Asstt. AG, Punjab, puts in appearance on behalf of the respondent and states that non-compliance with order dated 17.06.2020, in CWP-7558-2020, was not intentional but on account of administrative exigencies due to circumstances prevailing due to Corona Virus pandemic, besides, the order, violation of which has been complained of has been complied with by the respondent by passing order dated 02.12.2020 and the same has already been furnished to learned counsel for the petitioner today in the morning. Order dated 02.12.2020, is taken on record.
4. Learned counsel for the petitioner states that in the circumstances, he may be permitted to withdraw the Contempt Petition with liberty to challenge order dated 02.12.2020, by way of appropriate

Proceedings in accordance with law.

5. I have considered the submissions of learned counsel for the parties and am of the view that in view of the peculiar prevailing circumstances during the relevant period, on account of coronavirus pandemic as also in view of order dated 02.12.2020 having been passed, no action is required to be initiated against the respondent under the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971. Accordingly, the Contempt Petition is disposed of as not calling for any orders while granting liberty to the petitioner to take out appropriate proceedings in accordance with law, to challenge order dated 02.12.2020.

(B.S. Walia)
Judge

08.03.2021.
'Rajesh'

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