

113 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

COCp-1335-2021

Date of Decision: 26.07.2021

Khushal Chand Negi and others

...Petitioners

vs.

Ajay Kumar Bhalla

...Respondent

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

Present: Mr. Nikhil Anand, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Satyapal Jain, Addl. Solicitor General, assisted by
Ms. Gurmeet Kaur Gill, Advocate for UOI.

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 petition under Sections 11 and 12 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, is for initiating proceedings against the respondent for intentionally and willfully disobeying order dated 21.01.2021, in CWP-1361-2021.
3. Learned Addl. Solicitor General assisted by Ms. Gurmeet Kaur Gill, Advocate, has placed on record copy of order dated 07.07.2021, passed in compliance of order dated 21.01.2021, in CWP-1361-2021 and states that in view of compliance of order of the Writ Court as also the circumstances prevailing on account of Corona Virus pandemic, the case be disposed of as not calling for any action against the respondents.
4. I have considered the submission of learned counsel for the parties.
5. Admittedly, Hon'ble the Writ Court had vide order dated 21.01.2021, directed the claim made in the legal notice to be decided by

passing a speaking order as expeditiously as possible while observing that in view of the deputation period of the petitioners expiring on 18.02.2021, it would be appreciated if decision on the pending legal notice was taken before the said date. Resultantly, order dated 07.07.2021, has been passed by the respondent in terms of order dated 21.01.2021, in CWP-1361-2021, but the same has not been passed before 18.02.2021.

6. In the circumstances, after taking into account all aspects of the matter as also the circumstances prevailing on account of Corona Virus pandemic, I am of the view that no action under the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, is called for against the respondent. Accordingly, the contempt petition is disposed of as such.

(B.S. Walia)
Judge

26.07.2021.
'Rajesh'

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