

COCP-2114-2021

Date of Decision : 13.10.2021

Yashpal and Ors.

...Petitioners

Versus

Anurag Verma and Ors.

....Respondents

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

Present : Mr. Gagneshwar Walia, Advocate for the petitioners.

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 vide order dated 06.10.2020, CWP No.16309 of 2020 was disposed of by directing the Director General of Police, Punjab to consider and decide the claim made in legal notice dated 06.02.2020, if the same was pending, by passing a speaking order in accordance with law within 8 weeks, but needful has not been done till date, therefore respondent No.2 is liable to be proceeded against under the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971.

[3] Issue notice to respondent No.2 to show cause as to why proceedings under the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 be not initiated against him.

[4] At this stage, Mr. Aditya Sharda, learned AAG, Punjab puts in appearance, accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.2 and states that respondent No.2 has already passed speaking order dated 22.09.2021

record. Copy thereof supplied to learned counsel for the petitioner, who on perusal of the same, states that in the circumstances, he does not press the instant petition and may be permitted to withdraw the same with liberty to the petitioner to challenge order dated 22.09.2021 by way of appropriate proceedings in accordance with law.

[5] I have considered the submissions of learned counsel for the parties.

[6] Admittedly, order dated 22.09.2021 has been passed by respondent No.2 in terms of order dated 06.10.2020 in CWP No. 16309 of 2020, though beyond the stipulated period of time. However, in view of the circumstances, prevailing on account of corona virus pandemic and speaking order having been passed, no further action under the Contempt of Courts, 1971 is called for against respondent No.2. Accordingly, the contempt petition is disposed of as such while granting liberty to the petitioner to challenge order dated 22.09.2021 by way of appropriate proceedings in accordance with law.

(B.S. Walia)
Judge

13.10.2021

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1. *Whether speaking/reasoned* : *Yes/No.*
2. *Whether reportable* : *Yes/No.*