

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(118)

CRR-2025-2019

Date of decision: 14.10.2021

Puran Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

State of Punjab and another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present:- Mr. Nakul Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioner.

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SUVIR SEHGAL, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

Instant revision petition has been filed seeking setting aside of order dated 14.10.2015 passed by JMIC, Ferozepur as well as judgment dated 01.07.2019 passed by learned Additional Sessions Judge, Ferozepur, whereby the petitioner has been convicted under Section 138 of the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881 and ordered to undergo rigorous imprisonment for a period of one year, besides payment of fine of Rs.5,000/-.

A perusal of the paper-book shows that this Court passed the following order on 20.08.2019:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that as per the installments fixed during the conciliation proceedings before the Lok Adalat, the petitioner had already paid two installments and had made part payment of the third installment. As a result, only Rs.2,40,000/- remain to be paid; out of the total

amount. To show his bonafide, the petitioner may be ready even to pay this amount of Rs.2,40,000/-. Adjournment is prayed for.
Adjourned to 02.09.2019. ”

Thereafter, the matter has been adjourned repeatedly on the request of the counsel for the petitioner.

On 02.07.2021, this Court granted last opportunity to the petitioner and on 05.08.2021 the following order was passed:-

“The Court has been convened through video conferencing due to Covid-19 Pandemic.
Counsel for the petitioner has sought yet another opportunity to comply with order dated 20.08.2019.
Though, last opportunity was granted to the petitioner vide order dated 02.07.2021, keeping in view the request made by counsel for the petitioner, he is given yet another opportunity to comply with order dated 20.08.2019.
List on 14.10.2021.”

Despite the above order, counsel for the petitioner has made a statement that he does not have any instructions regarding compliance of order dated 20.08.2019.

The matter has remained pending for the last more than two years. There is no justification for granting another adjournment to the petitioner. Petition is ordered to be dismissed.

(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

14.10.2021
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned	Yes
Whether Reportable	Yes/No