

Ranjit Kaur

...Petitioner

Versus

Kuljit Paul Singh

....Respondent

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

Present: Mr. K.P.S. Sandhu, Advocate for the petitioner.

B.S. Walia, J. (Oral)

1. Prayer in the petition is for initiation of proceedings against the respondent for intentional and willful defiance of order Annexure P/1 dated 28.04.2022, in CWP-8817-2022.
2. A perusal of order Annexure P/1 reveals that CWP-8817-2022, was disposed of by directing the respondent to decide representation dated 22.06.2019, within eight weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of the order.
3. Learned counsel contends that despite copy of order having been supplied and stipulated period of time having lapsed, no decision has been taken on the representation filed by the petitioner, therefore, the respondent is liable to be punished under the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, besides the petitioner entitled to award of exemplary costs.
4. Mr. Ayush Sarna, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent and on telephonic instructions from the respondent while expressing regret for not deciding representation dated 22.06.2019 within the stipulated period of time states that in case some time is granted the needful

5. The same satisfies learned counsel for the petitioner, who states that in the circumstances, he does not press the instant petition but prays for issuance of directions to the respondent to adhere to the assurance held out by him through the learned State counsel and to decide representation dated 22.06.2019 and to release the benefits to the petitioner as per entitlement in a time bound manner.

6. In view of the position noted above as well as statement of learned counsel for the petitioner, the instant petition is *disposed of* as not calling for any action against the respondent under the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971, while directing the respondent to adhere to the assurance held out by the learned State counsel on his behalf and to decide representation dated 22.06.2019, within two weeks from the date of receipt of certified copy of the order and to forward a copy of the decision on the same to the petitioner by registered post within one week thereafter and in case the petitioner is found entitled to any benefits, to release the same to the petitioner within four weeks thereafter. However, in case the needful is not done in the manner as indicated above, the respondent apart from rendering himself liable to action under the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 besides shall pay costs of Rs.25,000/- to the petitioner.

7. Rule discharged.

(B.S. Walia)
Judge

02.12.2022

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