

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

(207)

CROCP-19-2014

Decided on : 20.11.2023

Court on Its Own Motion

Versus

Pritam Singh @ Rajkapoor

.....Respondent(s)

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.S. SANDHAWALIA
HON'BLE MS.JUSTICE LAPITA BANERJI**

Present: Mr. Kanwal Goyal, Advocate (*Amicus Curiae*) with
Mr. Govind Tanwar, Advocate.

Ms. Amrita Garg, Advocate for the respondent-contemnor.

Mr. Sharan Sethi, Addl. AG, Haryana.

G.S. Sandhawalia, J. (Oral)

In pursuance of the order dated 20.07.2023 passed by this Court, a report dated 06.08.2023 has been received from Shri Sumit Bhalla, Civil Judge (Sr. Division)-cum-Secretary, District Legal Services Authority, Gurdaspur, wherein it has been mentioned that the said contemnor had appeared before the Court alongwith his lawyers and submitted unconditional apology by way of affidavit (attested on 06.09.2023). The said officer has also recorded that the contemnor has expressed his remorse and tendered his unconditional apology for his act of leveling false, scandalous and contemptuous allegations against Judicial Officers. The officer has felt that the contemnor's body language and tone of voice has shown that the apology tendered by him is sincere and genuine, since he has undertaken not to indulge in similar activity in future. It has further been mentioned that the contemnor may be directed to show respect for the legal proceedings and the judicial system in future, as per the undertakings given by him in the affidavit.

2. The background as such has been noticed in the order dated 20.07.2023 and on an earlier occasion the concerned officer had rejected the apology being not genuine and the said officer had submitted that Judges are being made soft targets by habitual litigants. In view of the protracted litigation and the background, we had issued necessary directions that the respondent-contemnor appears before the officer concerned who had made the reference. The needful having been done and the fact that the matter is pending since 2014 on a reference having been received on 17.04.2014, we are of the considered opinion that no useful purpose would be served by keeping the matter pending.

3. Accordingly, in view of the above facts and circumstances and keeping in view the fact that earlier also he had filed his affidavit before this Court which has been reproduced in the order dated 20.07.2023, we do not feel that further proceedings are liable to continue against the respondent-contemnor since he himself has deposed that he would not indulge in any such activity in any manner in future. Resultantly, rule is discharged.

4. Petition stands disposed of.

(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE

(LAPITA BANERJI)
JUDGE

20.11.2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	
Whether Reportable :		No