

IN THE PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT AT
CHANDIGARH

201

CWP-15274-2011 (O&M).
Date of Decision: 22.08.2023.

DISTRICT BAR ASSOCIATION, GURDASPUR

.. Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ.

Present: Mr. M.L.Sarin, Senior Advocate, with
Mr. Vipin Mahajan, Advocate, for the petitioner.

Mr. Vinod Ghai, Advocate General, Punjab, with
Mr. Saurav Verma, Addl. A.G. Punjab,
for respondents No.1 to 3.

Mr. Rajiv Kawatra, Advocate, and
Mr. Samarth Singla, Advocate, for respondent No.4.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

Challenge in the present writ petition is to the action of respondents in demolishing the chambers of the Advocates practicing at District Courts, Gurdaspur. A further prayer has also been made for seeking issuance of directions to the respondents to re-construct the chambers.

In order to resolve the issue amicably amongst the parties, mediation proceedings had been initiated pursuant to the order dated 20.08.2014 passed by this Court and as reiterated in the order dated 22.12.2014 and thereafter on 28.08.2018.

The case of the respondents/State has however, been that the demolition of the chamber had been carried out in accordance with law and

that there was no illegality and there was no occasion for the respondents-State to compensate the petitioners. However, under the aegis of the mediation conducted between the parties, it has been mutually resolved that instead of paying any compensation, the parties would be satisfied in the event an amount of Rs.10 lakhs is disbursed by the respondents-State towards the Library/construction of additional Chambers as per law of the Bar Association, Gurdaspur.

The Advocate General Punjab assisted by Mr. Saurav Verma, Additional A.G. Punjab, fairly agrees to the aforesaid request and has shown indulgence to ensure that the amount as prayed for by the Bar Association, District Courts, Gurdaspur, would be released for the welfare of the members of the District Bar Association, Gurdaspur for any of the above purposes and without prejudice to any other grant.

In view of the aforesaid, counsel for the petitioner contends that he has instructions not to press the matter any further and that the grievance of the petitioner stands redressed.

The present petition is accordingly disposed of as not pressed in view of the above stand of the parties.

The respondents-state shall release the amount of Rs.10 lakhs as stated today within a period of 03 months from the date of a receipt of certified copy of this order.

Pending misc. application, if any, shall also stand disposed of accordingly.

August 22, 2023
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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