



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

COCN No. 1033 of 2025 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 09.07.2025

Tarsem Lal, Ex-IRS, Advocate, Pathankot

..... Petitioner

Versus

Shri Anil Vasudeva and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA

Present: Petitioner-Tarsem Lal in-person.

Mr. Vivek K. Thakur, Advocate
for respondent No. 1.

(Notice issued *qua* respondent No. 1 only vide order dated 24.04.2025).

HARKESH MANUJA, J. (ORAL)

The petitioner, by way of present petition, seeks initiation of contempt proceedings against the respondents, alleging willful non-compliance of an order dated 08.12.2022 (Annexure P-1) passed by this Court in **CRM-M No. 47289 of 2018**, titled “**Anil Vasudeva & Ors. Versus Tarsem Lal**”, which is extracted hereunder:-

“ The petitioners seek quashing of the complaint No.914 dated 21.07.2012 “Tarsem Lal vs. Anil Vasudeva & Ors.” under Section 500 read with Section 34 IPC (Annexure P1); summoning order dated 04.08.2018 passed by M/s Sumukhi JMIC, Amritsar (Annexure P2) and all subsequent proceedings arising therefrom.

Today, the matter was taken up at 3.30 PM and during the course of hearing, an effort, with the support of Mr. RS Cheema, learned senior counsel, was initiated and the parties were made to sit together in my Chamber.

Both the parties have now resolved the dispute and the complainant has agreed not to pursue the impugned complaint. The joint statement of the parties has been recorded separately, which is taken on record as Mark 'A'.

In view of the settlement (Mark 'A'), arrived at between the parties, this petition has become redundant and the complaint accordingly, stands quashed on the basis of settlement.

Disposed of, in aforesaid terms."

[2] The petitioner, who is appearing in-person, submits that after passing of the aforesaid order, the respondents misused the concession and all the Members of Taxation Bar Association, Pathankot stopped interaction with him and a message to this effect was even circulated on the WhatsApp groups, as such, the respondents need to be proceeded / punished under the provisions of Section 12 of Contempt of Courts Act, 1971. He has also raised grouse that after having settled the dispute, still the respondents are opposed his membership with the District Bar Association, Pathankot.

[3] In response, learned counsel for respondent No. 1 submits that an application bearing CRM-23737-2023 in CRM-M-47289-2018, seeking revocation of the order dated 08.12.2022 (Annexure P-1), already stands filed at the instance of petitioner and the same is pending consideration for 21.07.2025; thus, no case for initiation of contempt proceedings is made out at this stage.

[4] I have heard the petitioner as well as learned counsel for respondent No. 1 and considered their respective submissions.

[5] On the basis of circulation on WhatsApp text by the Members of the Bar about isolating the petitioner and even opposing his (petitioner)

membership with the District Bar Association, Pathankot, in the humble opinion of this Court, no case for initiation of contempt proceedings is made out against respondents towards disrespect of order dated 08.12.2022 (Annexure P-1) passed by this Court. Besides it, rather the cause set up by the petitioner in the present petition can be agitated by him in appropriate civil and criminal proceedings before the Courts of competent jurisdiction. Moreover, with respect to order dated 08.12.2022 (Annexure P-1), recalling application is already pending consideration before the Court concerned and thus, at this stage, no cause is made out to entertain the present contempt petition.

- [6]

Disposed off accordingly.
- [7]

Rule stands discharged.
- [8]

Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

July 09, 2025
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(HARKESH MANUJA)
JUDGE

<i>Whether Speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>