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

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Date of Decision: October 28, 2025

Surinder Pal @ Surinder Pal Mahajan

.....Petitioner

Vs.

Gursimran Singh Dhillon and anr.

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SUDEEPTI SHARMA

Present: Mr. Dinesh Mahajan, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ravneet Singh Joshi, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Bhupender Singh, Advocate
for respondent No. 2.

SUDEEPTI SHARMA J. (Oral)

1. The present contempt petition has been filed for non-compliance of order dated 23.04.2015 passed by this Court in CWP-7461-2015.
2. The operative part of order dated 23.04.2015 passed by this Court in CWP-7461-2015 is reproduced as under:-

“11. The writ petition is accordingly disposed of in the following terms:-

(i) The petitioner shall move application before the notified Competent Authority-cum-Land Acquisition Collector within a period of one month for the grant of aforesaid benefits;

(ii) The said Competent Authority will issue notice and call for the records/reply from the National Highway Authority of India;

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(iii) The Competent Authority shall thereafter determine whether or not the petitioner is entitled to the aforesaid benefits, especially in view of the decisions of this Court and the Hon'ble Supreme Court relied upon by the claimants;

(iv) If the petitioner is found entitled to, a self speaking supplementary Award to this effect shall be passed within a period of four months from the date of filing of the application;

(v) The National Highways Authority of India shall deposit the amount, if any, payable in terms of supplementary award, in interest-bearing fixed deposit account(s) in any nationalized bank and disbursement thereof shall be subject to the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Special Leave to Appeal (Civil) No.15104 of 2014 titled: Project Director, National Highway, No. IV vs. Rajeshwar Singh and Ors.”

3. In compliance of the above order, reply dated 16.02.2023 has been filed on behalf of respondent No. 2. The relevant portion of the same reads as under:-

“2. That at the outset it is pertinent to mention that In compliance with the order dated 25.04.2015 (P-1) supplementary award dated 14.09.2015 was pasay by CALA and in furtherance thereto the payment solatium Was macle accordingly and the respective landowner to authority the competent same was disbursed to the and receipts annexed as Annexure R1/1 colly.”

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4. Further in compliance of the order dated 23.04.2015 passed by this Court in CWP-7461-2015, reply dated 27.02.2023 has been filed on behalf of respondent No. 1. The relevant portion of the same reads as under:-

6. That, in compliance of the above order of the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh, the then Competent Authority of Land Acquisition-cum-Sub Divisional Magistrate, Pathankot has passed self speaking order/Supplementary Award on dated 14.9.2015 and the same was forwarded to the National Highway Authority alongwith the calculation sheet of Rs. 74250/- for making it available. Further, stated that an amount of Rs. 23,625/- out of the amount of Rs. 74250/- was received in the office of Land Acquisition Collector, Pathankot on 14.08.2018 & the balance amount of Rs. 50,625/- was received in the office of Land Acquisition Collector, Pathankot on dated 13.08.2021 by the National Highway Authority of India. However, the total solatium amount of Rs. 74250/- as received in two parts through the NHAI Authority had already been disbursed to the petitioner by the then Land Acquisition Collectors, Pathankot on dated 14.08.2018 & 20.08.2021 respectively. The acquaintance rolls of the disbursement made to the petitioner are annexed as Annexure 1 & 2.

7. That, the answering deponent holds the Hon'ble Court in highest esteem and regards for the Court of Law and cannot think of ignoring or disobeying any directions of the Hon'ble Court. The answering deponent has not committed any act much less willful or intentional which would tantamount to contempt

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of the Hon'ble Court. If the Hon'ble Court reaches to a conclusion that any action of the answering deponent is contemptuous, then the answering deponent tenders an unconditional apology.”

4. In view of the above, order dated 23.04.2015 passed by this Court in CWP-7461-2015 has already been complied with. This fact is not disputed by learned counsel for the petitioner.

5. Accordingly, the contempt is purged. Rule is *discharged*.

6. Pending application (s) if any also stands disposed of.

(SUDEEPTI SHARMA)
JUDGE

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Gaurav Arora

Whether speaking/non-speaking : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No