



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CACP-37-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 27.10.2025

HARI MOHAN ARORA ... APPELLANT
VS.
RITU MOHAN .. RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ROHIT KAPOOR

Present: Mr. Chetan Mittal, Senior Advocate with
Mr. Vivek Singla, Advocate and
Mr. Mayank Aggarwal, Advocate,
for the appellant.

Mr. D.S.Rawat, Advocate,
for the respondent.

ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA, J. (ORAL)

This appeal arises out of an order passed by the Contempt Court on 08.05.2025, wherein a *prima facie* finding has been returned regarding wilful disobedience of the order dated 08.12.2023 passed by the Writ Court and accordingly, charges have been framed under Sections 10 and 12 of the Contempt of Courts Act. The matter has been directed to be listed on a particular date, and the respondent (appellant herein) has been directed to remain present in the Court on the next date of hearing.

An objection has been taken to the maintainability of the contempt appeal on the ground that no order of punishment has, in fact, been passed by the concerned Court, and at this stage, the order under challenge remains interlocutory in nature.

On the previous occasion, an application was moved by the appellant to convert this appeal into an appeal under Clause X of the Letters Patent.

Having considered the submissions, we find that the prayer made for conversion of this appeal into a Letters Patent Appeal merits no consideration, inasmuch as the order under challenge is merely an order framing charges against the contemnor. Once that is the position, we hold that the present appeal itself is not maintainable, and the same is accordingly dismissed.

Pending applications, if any, also stand disposed of.

(ASHWANI KUMAR MISHRA)
JUDGE

(ROHIT KAPOOR)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned	: Yes/No
Whether Reportable	: Yes/No