



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

COCp-2734-2021 (O&M)
Date of decision: 12.12.2025

Surinder Singh and another

....Petitioners

V/s

Manpreet Singh and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM AGGARWAL

Present: Mr. Rakesh Gupta, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Ms. Shiny Chopra, AAG, Punjab.

VIKRAM AGGARWAL, J. (ORAL)

On 26.08.2025, the following order was passed:-

“CWP-26217-2016 was disposed of by a Division Bench of this Court vide order dated 06.12.2016 and the following directions were issued:-

“Having heard learned counsel for the parties and in the light of the issues raised by the petitioners, it appears that the matter requires intervention by the authorities and if the facts, as pleaded by the petitioners, are found to be correct, it is imperative upon the respondents to provide some alternative passage to their agricultural lands. It is not expedient for us to express any views on merits of the petitioners' claim for the reason that we have not not taken view-point of the respondents at this stage. This writ petition is thus disposed of with a direction to the respondents especially respondent Nos.4, 6 & 7 to ascertain the correct facts and take necessary remedial action as early as possible but not later than four months from the date of receiving a certified copy of this order.”

For, the directions were not complied with, the petitioners had to institute COCP-1803-2017, which was again disposed of vide order dated 17.10.2019:-

“Learned counsel for respondent No.4 states that a resolution has been passed to the effect that Gram Panchayat would give Rs.1,68,22,790/- which is in the Panchayat fund for acquisition of the land. He further states that the said resolution

has been sent by the State Government to DDPO.

Learned State counsel on instructions from Mr. Surinder Singh Dhillon, DDPO Patiala and Mr. Harsimran Singh, Tehsildar Rajpura states that they have received the draft notification and the entire process would be completed for acquisition of land as expeditiously as possible in case there are no legal impediments.

In view of the statement made, the contempt petition is disposed of at this stage, however, the petitioner would be at liberty to file fresh one in case there is intentional or unexplained delay in the process.”

Since, as expected, no action was taken, the present contempt petition was filed. Even the present contempt petition is pending since 2021 and various orders have been passed from time to time.

However, today, learned State counsel, on instructions from Sh. Inder Singh, BDPO, Ghanaur, District Patiala, who is present in Court, submits that on account of rains, the work of laying the passage had to be stopped and the same shall be resumed once it stops raining.

When a query was put as to whether sale deeds of owners have been executed, learned State counsel again on instructions, submits that 5 sale deeds are yet to be executed and 32 land owners are NRIs.

It is indeed a matter of grave concern that the petitioners have been running from pillar to post since 2016 on account of an illegal act of the State, vide which the only passage leading to their land was acquired, but the State has still not chosen to act.

That being so, let the Deputy Commissioner, Patiala appear in person in Court on the next date of hearing, to explain as to why contempt proceedings be not initiated against him for willful disobedience of the orders passed by this Court.

List on 11.09.2025.

To be taken up in the urgent list.”

2. Thereafter, on 28.11.2025, the following order was passed:-

“Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that for the purposes of constructing the road, earth is being removed from the land of the petitioner.

This assertion is denied by learned State counsel, who, on instructions from Sh. Avikesh Gupta, SDM Rajpura and Mr. Jatinder Dhillon, BDPO, Shambu Kalan, who are present in Court, submits that no earth is being removed from the land of the petitioner nor it shall be done so for the purpose of construction of the road. She submits that in

fact, it is the petitioner who is causing obstruction in the construction of the road.

Learned counsel for the petitioner undertakes that no such obstruction shall be caused.

Learned State counsel further submits that the construction of the road shall be completed within five days.

Adjourned to 12.12.2025.”

3. Today, learned State counsel, on instructions from Sh. Jatinder Singh Dhillon, BDPO, Shambu Kalan, who is present in Court, submits that the construction of the road stands completed.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits as per the directions, the road was to be of 3 *karams* whereas, on the spot, it is of 2 *karams*.

5. To this, learned State counsel, on instructions from the officer, who is present in Court, submits that the metalled portion is of 2 *karams* and when road berms are included, it makes 3 *karams*.

6. That being so, no further orders are required to be passed by this Court. The contempt petition is accordingly disposed of. Rule stands discharged.

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

December 12, 2025

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(VIKRAM AGGARWAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:

Yes/No

Whether reportable:

Yes/No