



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

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COCP-3497-2024

Date of Decision: 28.10.2025

Bhola Singh Virk

.....Petitioner

Vs.

Poonam Deep, IAS and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SUDEEPTI SHARMA

Present: Ms. Vidushi Kumar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Ravneet Singh Joshi, DAG, Punjab

SUDEEPTI SHARMA J. (Oral)

1. The present contempt petition has been filed for deliberate and intentional disobedience of order dated 27.08.2024 passed by this Court in CWP-20559-2023.
2. The relevant portion of order dated 27.08.2024 passed by this Court in CWP-20559-2023 is reproduced as under:-

“Counsel for the respondent-State contends that there is actually no dharna/protest within or near the premises of petitioner’s college, rather the same is being organized across the road. He further assures that appropriate steps will be taken to ensure that there is no loss to any human life or to the private property and that no unlawful act will take place during the said dharna/protest and the same shall be organized in a peaceful manner without use of any force against the persons visiting the college premises. He further assures



that there would no hindrance for ingress or egress to the premises of the petitioner's college.

Learned Sr. Counsel appearing on behalf of the petitioner concedes that in view of the aforesaid statement made by the learned State Counsel, the present petition has become infructuous.

Disposed of as having been rendered infructuous.

The State Agencies/Authorities will remain bound by the statement made by the learned State Counsel today in Court and also they will ensure that the dharna/protest remains peaceful and all preventive measures are taken to avoid any untoward incident or use of any force or unlawful acts against the local people who wish to make ingress or egress in the college premises.”

3. Learned counsel for the respondent contends that in compliance of order dated 27.08.2024 passed by this Court in CWP-20559-2023, compliance affidavit of Punamdeep Kaur, IAS, Deputy Commissioner Barnala, dated 08.10.2024 along with Annexure R-1, R-2 and R-3 has been filed.
4. The relevant portion of compliance affidavit of Punamdeep Kaur, IAS, Deputy Commissioner Barnala, dated 08.10.2024 is reproduced as under:-

“4. That as mentioned in para No.1, CWP No.20559 of 2023 was disposed of on the statement of Counsel for the respondent-State that appropriate steps will be taken to ensure that there is no loss to any human life or to the private property and that no unlawful act will take place during the said dharna/protest and these same shall be organized in a peaceful manner without use of any force against the person visiting the college premises. He further assures that there would no



hindrance for ingress or egress to the premises of the petitioner's college.

5. That this Hon'ble Court disposed of the original writ as having been rendered infructuous and no directions were issued to the answering deponent to consider the claim of the petitioner.

6. That petitioner filed another CWP No.21234 of 2023 (O&M) in the Hon'ble Punjab & Haryana High Court challenging the committee constituted under the chairmanship of Sub Divisional Magistrate, Barnala by Director Higher Education Punjab (Annexure R-1), to inquire into the complaint of the residents of Sanghera against the petitioner alleging misappropriation of funds sanctioned by University Grants Commission to the College.

7. That Hon'ble Court vide order dated 13-09-2024 constituted another Committee under the chairmanship of Divisional Commissioner, Patiala by superseding the committee constituted by Director Higher Education, Punjab. (Orders dated 13-09-2024 in CWP No.21234 of 2023 (O & M) are attached as Annexure (R-2).

8. That petitioner has filed this COCP to put pressure on the official respondents.

9. That apart from it, petitioner separately submitted a representation on dated 3-09-2024 in the office of the deponent and report was sought from the Senior Supdt. Of Police, Barnala about the allegations leveled by the petitioner in his complaint.

10. That Senior Supdt. of Police, Barnala, vide letter No.4380/Litigation dated 7-10-2024, has reported that residents of village Sanghera have organized a dharna/ protest against the petitioner leveling allegations about the misappropriation of the funds of Guru Gobind



Singh College Sanghera being the president of the Management Committee of this college. He has further reported that this dharna/ protest is being organized across the road in a peaceful manner and without use of any force against the persons visiting the college premises even without making any hindrance to the regular traffic flow Annexure (R-3).

11. That as per the report of SSP, Barnala there is no threat to the human life or to the property of petitioner from the protesters.

12. That to maintain peace and public tranquility precautionary measure under section 126, 169 BNNS has been taken against the Respondent No.3 to 11 by Senior Supdt. of Police, Barnala.

13. That as explained in foregoing paras there is no threat to the life and property of the petitioner from the protesters and dharna/ protest is being carried out in the peaceful manner. As explained in para No.4 and 5 supra no directions were issued by this Hon'ble Court to consider the claim of the petitioner. Apart from it, as explained in para No.6 & 7 petitioner has filed this COCP to put pressure on official respondents. Therefore, this contempt petition is liable to be dismissed."

5. Learned counsel for the respondent further contends that in compliance of order dated 27.08.2024 passed by this Court in CWP-20559-2023 another compliance affidavit of Sandeep Kumar Malik, IPS, Senior Superintendent of Police, District Barnala, dated 19.10.2024 has been passed.



6. The relevant portion of compliance affidavit of Sandeep Kumar Malik, IPS, Senior Superintendent of Police, District Barnala, dated 19.10.2024 is reproduced as under:-

“3. That the order dated 27.08.2024 passed by this Hon'ble Court in the present petition, came to the knowledge of the deponent and thereafter, marked the same to the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-Division Barnala, District Barnala for assistance.

That thereafter the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-Division Barnala, District Barnala submitted his fact finding report, thus, the present compliance affidavit is being filed on the basis of report.

4. That on the perusal of the fact finding report of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub- Division Barnala, District Barnala, the following points have core on record which have been mentioned herein below for the kind perusal of this Hon'ble Court:

i. That after passing of the order dated 27.08.2024 in CWP No.20559 of 2023, the deponent directed the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub- Division Barnala, District Barnala vide letter No.3561- 63/Litigation dated 09.09.2024 to conduct an inquiry in regard to the averments made by the petitioner in his petition and also to conduct an inquiry on the representation dated 03.09.2024.

ii. Thereafter, a detailed inquiry was conducted by the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-Division Barnala, Barnala and it was found that the protest which has been staged at Guru Gobind Singh College, Sanghera being carried out in a peaceful manner.

iii. That because of this protest, there is no problem being faced by the public to commute through that area. That most of the time there are only 5-7 people sitting at the protect site that also in a peaceful manner.



iv. That the students and teachers and college staff are not facing any problem to enter or exit the college premises from any of the gates. That the loudspeaker is also being played at a low volume so that the studies of the students are not at all effected.

v. That the representations submitted by the petitioner need no action as the orders of the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh are being complied with and will also be complied in the future. Thus, the representation dated 03.09.2024 was consigned to the record room on 16.09.2024. That the order dated 27.08.2024 in CWP No.20559-2023 has been complied with well within the stipulated time period.

5. That after passing of the order dated 23.09.2024 in COCP-3497- 2024, the deponent vide letter No.4361-63/litigation dated 04.10.2024 marked the order dated 23.09.2024 to the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-Division Barnala, District Barnala for necessary action. That the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-Division Barnala submitted his report vide letter No.376/litigation/DSB dated 07.10.2024 whereby it was stated that the petitioner Bhola Singh Virk is the President of Managing Committee of Guru Gobind Singh College, Sanghera and the protest which has been staged outside the college is because the protestors alleged that the petitioner has embezzled the funds allocated to the college. That the protest is being carried out on the other side of the road right opposite the college in a peaceful manner since the past few months. That most of the time there are only 5-7 people sitting at the protest site that also in a peaceful manner. The students and teachers and college staff are not facing any problem to enter or exit the college premises from any of the gates.

6. That it is pertinent to mention here that it has come on record during various visits made by the police party that the



protestors are not using any language which is defamatory to the petitioner. That the protest is being staged on the one side of road opposite to the college, therefore there is no violation of traffic rules and laws and also the public is facing no hindrance while commuting on that road.

7. That in compliance with the orders of the Hon'ble Court, preventive action under Section 126/169 BNSS has been taken against the protestors namely Tara Singh, Raminder Pal Kaur, Randeep Varinder Singh, Kuldeep Singh, Harkamaldeep Singh, Paramjit Kaur, Baljeet Singh, Gurpreet Kaur and Hardeep Kaur vide DDR No.41 dated 07.10.2024.”

7. A perusal of above shows that order dated 27.08.2024 passed by this Court in CWP-20559-2023, has been complied with.

5. In view of the above, the contempt is purged and rule is discharged.

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

(SUDEEPTI SHARMA)
JUDGE

September 28th 2025

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Whether speaking/non-speaking : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No