



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

COC-4935-2025(O&M)
Date of decision: 20.11.2025

Amritsar Vikas Manch

... Petitioner

Versus

Gurpreet Singh Khaira, IAS and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKRAM AGGARWAL

Present: Mr. S.S. Behl, Senior Advocate, with
Ms. Raageshwari Sharma, Advocate,
for the petitioner.

Ms. Shiny Chopra, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Sanjeev Soni, Advocate,
for respondent No.5.

VIKRAM AGGARWAL, J. (ORAL)

CWP-PIL-103-2025 was instituted by the Amritsar Vikas Manch (petitioner) with a grievance that the city of Amritsar does not have any vending zone as defined in Section 2(n) of the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014. The said writ petition was disposed of with the following directions:-

“2. Since the issue pertains to the Municipal Corporation, Amritsar, which is the competent authority to take a call on the said issue and the petitioner has preferred a representation dated 23.03.2025 (Annexure P-3) which appears to have not been decided by the respondent-authorities, this Court refrains from entering into merits of the matter and leaves it open to the competent authority i.e. respondent No. 1 to consider the grievance contained in the petitioner’s representation (Annexure P-3) and



pass a speaking order within a period of 60 days from today and communicate the same to the petitioner.”

2. The instant contempt petition has been instituted by the petitioner alleging willful disobedience of the aforesaid directions.

3. Learned State counsel has produced a copy of speaking order dated 18.11.2025, passed by the Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Local Government, Punjab., wherein the following directions have been given:-

“5. Therefore, in view of the above, the following directions are hereby issued to the Commissioner, Municipal Corporation, Amritsar:

- 1. A new Town Vending Committee, in accordance with Section 22 of the Street Vendors Act, 2014, shall be constituted immediately.**
- 2. A fresh survey of street vendors in Amritsar City shall be conducted as per Section 3 of the said Act.**
- 3. Illegal street vendors shall be evicted forthwith from sensitive areas such as religious precincts, hospital zones, school premises, and high-traffic public roads.**
- 4. A detailed report shall be prepared identifying sites available for the establishment of Street Vending Zones. Land under the possession of the Amritsar Improvement Trust shall also be considered for this purpose, in consultation with the concerned office, to facilitate the development of vending zones.**
- 5. The Executive Officer, Amritsar Improvement Trust, Amritsar is also hereby directed to co-operate with the staff of the Municipal Corporation, Amritsar and to identify the sites which are owned by the Trust and can be utilized to facilitate the development of vending zones. In case if any permission is required at the level of the Government the case may be sent to this office.**



In addition to the above, Municipal Corporation Amritsar is hereby directed to identify suitable locations for establishment of Street Vending Zones. In case adequate vacant land is not available with the Municipal Corporation, suitable land parcels shall be identified from land belonging to other Departments/ Agencies. Municipal Corporation shall coordinate with the concerned Department(s) and prepare an appropriate plan for establishment of Street Vending Zone on such land. After identification of the land, a meeting under the chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner Amritsar should be convened for resolution of all land-related issues. Further, in cases where the land belongs to another Department/ Agency, an appropriate Agreement/ MoU shall be executed with the concerned Department, and the revenue generated from the Street Vending Zone shall be shared with the land-owning Department as per mutually agreed terms. In the event the land-owning Department requires the land back in future, Municipal Corporation shall duly shift/ relocate the Street Vending Zone to another suitable location accordingly. The entire exercise shall be completed within a period of six months, and a comprehensive report shall be submitted to this office upon completion.”

4. The speaking order referred to above is taken on record as **Mark ‘X’**. The Registry is directed to tag the same at the appropriate place in the case file.
5. A perusal of the directions issued vide the speaking order (**ibid**) shows that it is now the Municipal Corporation Amritsar, which has to act in terms of the directions issued.
6. Learned counsel representing the Municipal Corporation assures the Court that the matter shall be taken in the right earnest, and that



the directions issued vide speaking order dated 18.11.2025 shall be complied with in letter and spirit.

7. That being so, learned Senior counsel submits that no further directions are required to be passed at this stage, and that the present contempt petition be disposed of in terms of the statements given by learned State counsel and learned counsel representing the Municipal Corporation, Amritsar.

8. Accordingly, in view of the statements given by learned counsel for the parties, the instant contempt petition is disposed of in terms thereof.

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

(VIKRAM AGGARWAL)
JUDGE

November 20, 2025

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Whether speaking / reasoned:
Whether Reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No