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

COCp-4938-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 17.11.2025

Balwinder Singh

...Petitioner

Versus

Krishan Kumar and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Amrik Singh, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Sandeep Singh, AAG, Punjab.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

CM-3118-CII-2025

1. This is an application filed under Section 151 CPC for exemption/waiver from paying the cost imposed on respondent No.2.
2. It has been averred in the application that cost was imposed on 17.01.2025 whereas reply and the compliance report were already submitted by respondent No.3 (Chief Engineer, Department of Water Resources, Punjab) in the contempt petition and since the petitioner was an employee of Department of respondent No.3 thus, there was no need to file reply by respondent No.2. It has also been stated that however, the respondent No.2 has highest regard for this Court and cannot think of willfully disobeying its orders and that the respondent No.2 tenders his unconditional and unqualified apology.

3. Keeping in view the abovesaid facts and circumstances and the averments made in the application, the present application is allowed and cost imposed upon respondent No.2 is waived.

Main case

1. This is a Contempt Petition filed under Section 12 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 for initiation of contempt proceedings against the respondents for their willful and intentional disobedience of the order dated 24.04.2024 (Annexure P-1) passed by the Coordinate Bench of this Court.

2. Learned counsel for the respondents-State has submitted that in pursuance of the order passed by the Coordinate Bench of this Court on 24.04.2024, a detailed speaking order dated 06.11.2024 has been passed.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petitioner is not satisfied with the said speaking order and thus, the present contempt petition be disposed of but liberty be granted to the petitioner to challenge the said speaking order, in accordance with law.

4. In view of the above, the present contempt petition is disposed of with liberty aforesaid.

5. All the pending miscellaneous applications, if any, shall stand disposed of in view of the abovesaid order.

17.11.2025

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**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes/No

Whether reportable:-

Yes/No