IN THE HIGH COURT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH, SHIMLA
COPC No.143 of 2021
Decided on: 02nd November, 2026

Govind Singh **....Petitioner**

Versus

Manoj Kumar and another **...Respondents**

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Hon'ble Mr. Justice Jiya Lal Bhardwaj, Judge
Whether approved for reporting? [1]

For the petitioner:	Mr. Neeraj Sharma, Senior Advocate with Mr. Vidush Chauhan, Advocate.
For the respondents:	Mr. B.N. Misra, Senior Advocate with Ms. Mansi Sharma, Advocate.

Jiya Lal Bhardwaj, Judge *(Oral)*

The petitioner by way of present petition has alleged violation of the judgment dated 02.01.2021 passed in CWP No.4946 of 2020, titled, ***Govind Singh vs. H.P. State Electricity Board Ltd. and others.***

2. It has been averred in the petition that the petitioner is not in a position to do the billing work in the field by right hand due to injury and the erring officer was apprised with the condition on 10.03.2021 by the petitioner. The Assistant Engineer time and again is harassing the petitioner and insisting him to do work in the field. However, in office, shortage of staff is there and many persons against the Board's circular are deputed in the

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office, though the duties of the concerned officials are in the field. The Assistant Engineer by pick and choose is only accommodating the staff of his choice in the office for the reasons best known to him.

3. As per the aforesaid judgment passed by the Division Bench, the writ petition was disposed of with an undertaking that the petitioner, who is unable to perform heavy manual labour, can be deployed against a seat appertaining to billing work. The said undertaking made by the learned counsel representing the respondent-Board was accepted by the learned counsel representing the petitioner and the petition was rendered infructuous. It was directed that the posting of the petitioner can be considered against a vacancy existing at Sub Division, Chirgaon for a tenure as prescribed in the relevant guidelines and the petitioner was to assign a seat appertaining to billing work up to his disability becoming re-assessed by the validly constituted Medical Board. Further, the respondent-Board was also directed to release the outstanding salary to the petitioner.

4. The respondents filed reply to the contempt petition and averred that they have highest regard for the majesty and dignity of this Hon'ble Court and can never even imagine violating the orders of the Court. They have

tendered their sincerest, un-qualified and unconditional apology for the alleged disobedience, if any, of the orders passed by this Court in CWP No.4946 of 2020. Further, they also regret the inconvenience caused to the Court on account of alleged disobedience of the orders. It has further been averred that the petitioner has been posted in the office of Assistant Engineer, Electrical Sub-Division No.1, Chirgaon and has been assigned the duties of billing work. A copy of office order dated 24.02.2021 (Annexure RA-2) has been placed on record and further the salary of the petitioner has also been released for the period from 01.09.2020 to 12.11.2020 by crediting the same in his account.

5. The petitioner has not filed any rejoinder controverting the facts in the reply.

6. I have heard the learned senior counsel representing the parties and also perused the record carefully.

7. Since the respondents have assigned the duties of billing work to the petitioner, as per the mandate of the judgment passed by this Court on 02.01.2021 and further his salary has been paid, it cannot be said that the respondents have willfully and intentionally disobeyed the

directions passed by this Court and as such the contempt notices issued to them are discharged. However, it is made clear that in case the respondents do not adhere to the directions contained in the judgment, the petitioner will be at liberty to approach this Court by taking appropriate remedy in accordance with law.

8. The contempt petition is accordingly disposed of. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed of.

02nd November, 2026 **(Jiya Lal Bhardwaj)**
(ankit) **Judge**