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

COCP-429-2026

Date of decision: 08.04.2026

Jagtar Singh and another

...Petitioners

Versus

Ramnik Singh Randhawa

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Lovish Rattan, Advocate and
Mr. Surinder Sharma, Advocate for the petitioners.

Ms. Kavita Arora, Advocate for the respondent.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

1. This is a Contempt Petition filed under Section 10 & 12 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 for initiation of contempt proceedings against the respondent for his willful and intentional disobedience of the order dated 06.08.2025 (Annexure P-1) passed by the Division Bench of this Court.

2. On 06.08.2025, the Division Bench of this Court had passed the following order:-

“1. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that at this stage, he would be satisfied if the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the Chairman, Jalandhar Improvement Trust, Jalandhar-respondent No.2 to take a decision on the representation dated 07.11.2017 (Annexure P-3), submitted by the petitioners.

2. Learned State counsel and learned counsel for



respondents No.2 & 3, who appear on advance notice, have no objection if the above prayer is accepted.

3. Accordingly, at this stage, without commenting on the merits of the case, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to take a decision on the representation dated 07.11.2017 (Annexure P-3), submitted by the petitioners, by passing a speaking order and after affording opportunity of hearing to all concerned, preferably within two weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order.

4. Needless to add that the decision so taken be communicated to the petitioners and if the decision is not to the satisfaction of the petitioners, they would be at liberty to challenge the same, in accordance with law.”

3. Learned counsel for the respondent has submitted that speaking order dated 07.04.2026 had been passed and since, as per the order of the Division Bench of this Court, there was requirement of granting opportunity of hearing to the petitioners and notice was sent to the petitioners to appear before the office of Chairman, Jalandhar Improvement Trust, Jalandhar on 06.04.2026 but no body had appeared and thus, the said order was passed.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that wife of petitioner No.1 who is also related to the LRs of petitioner No.2 had died and thus, they could not appear before the office of Chairman, Jalandhar Improvement Trust, Jalandhar. It is prayed that the petitioners be given an opportunity of hearing before the final order is passed by the Chairman, Jalandhar Improvement Trust, Jalandhar.

5. Learned counsel for the respondent has very fairly submitted that in case the petitioners appear for personal hearing then the matter



would be considered afresh and fresh order would be passed by the authorities in a time bound manner within a period of one month from the date of the said personal hearing.

6. Keeping in view the abovesaid facts and circumstances and fair stand taken on behalf of the petitioners as well as by the respondent, the present contempt petition is disposed of with the following observations/directions:-

- i) The petitioners or their authorized representatives would appear before the office of the Chairman, Jalandhar Improvement Trust, Jalandhar on 24.04.2026 at 11:00 am along with all the necessary documents/record.
- ii) The competent authority would hear the petitioners or their duly authorized representatives on the said date or on any other date which is convenient to the petitioners as well as to the authority but it should not exceed two weeks from 24.04.2026.
- iii) The competent authority would pass a fresh order after hearing the petitioners/authorized representatives of the petitioners within a period of six weeks from 24.04.2026.

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

08.04.2026

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**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes/No

Whether reportable:-

Yes/No