HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT ALLAHABAD

CONTEMPT APPLICATION (CIVIL) No. - 7706 of 2026

Vir Pal Singh

.....Applicant(s)

Versus

Kovvuri Venkata Nagi Reddy, Executive Director (Zone), Food Corporation Of India

.....Opposite Party(s)

Counsel for Applicant(s) : Ashish Tripathi, Hriday Raj Tripathi, Mahesh Kumar Mishra

Counsel for Opposite Party(s) :

Court No. - 7

HON'BLE PIYUSH AGRAWAL, J.

1. Heard learned counsel for the applicant(s) and Shri S.K. Mishra, learned counsel for the opposite party.

2. Vide order dated 30.07.2024 passed in Writ A No. 11143/2024 filed by the applicant(s), the writ Court directed as under:

"1. In view of the order passed today in Writ A No.11158 of 2024 the order of transfer with respect to the petitioner no.1, namely, Vir Pal Singh shall remain stayed.

2. In so far as the petitioner nos.2 and 3 are concerned, it is left open for them to make representation before the competent authority within two weeks from today and the same shall be considered and disposed of within a period of further two weeks by passing reasoned and speaking order. Thus in respect of respondent nos.2 and 3 petition stands disposed of.

3. In so far as petitioner no.1 is concerned, let this petition be connected with Writ A No.11158 of 2024 and list on the date fixed in the said case. "

3. At the very outset, Shri S.K. Mishra, learned counsel for the opposite party, raises a preliminary objection with regard to maintainability of the instant contempt application by submitting that the interim order dated 30.07.2026 has not been violated. He further submits that earlier, the

applicant was transferred from DO Aligarh to DO Azamgarh vide order dated 18.07.2024. Thereafter, the applicant filed Writ A No. 14629/2026, in which vide order dated 28.09.2026, this Court has clarified that the pendency of the writ petition shall not impede any action or proceedings against the applicant. He further submits that now, vide order dated 06.03.2026, the applicant has been transferred from Regional Office, Uttar Pradesh to Regional Office, Punjab. He further submits that challenging the order dated 06.03.2026, and also the consequential orders dated 18.03.2026 and 19.01.2026, the applicant filed Writ A No. 8043/2026, which was disposed of by the writ Court vide order dated 25.05.2026 with the following direction:-

"*In this conspectus, as above, no useful purpose would be served by keeping the instant petition pending. Accordingly, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the instant writ petition is finally disposed of with to the following directions:-*

(i) Petitioner shall appear and file detailed representation/objection along with supporting documents, if any, before the respondent no. 3 on 08.06.2026. (ii) Upon receipt of the said representation, respondent no. 3 shall fix a date for hearing in the matter with regard to the grievance of the present petitioner. (iii) It is expected that the aforesaid representation/objection shall be considered and decided strictly in accordance with law expeditiously, preferably, within a period of one month from the date of production of the same, provided there is no other legal impediment. (iv) It is clarified that the transfer order dated 06.03.2026 shall remain subject to the final outcome of the aforesaid proceedings to be decided by the respondent no. 3. (v) It is further clarified that the transfer order dated 06.03.2026 shall remain in abeyance till a decision is taken by respondent no. 3."

4. He further submits that pursuant to the said order, the applicant filed representation and the representation has already been decided vide order dated 19.08.2026 and thereafter, the transfer order has been passed on 19.08.2026. Therefore, if the applicant is aggrieved by the said order, he may challenge the order, but in no way, contempt is made out against the opposite party.

5. Rebutting the said submission, learned counsel for the applicant(s) submits that the interim order dated 30.07.2024 is still subsist and therefore, the opposite party has committed civil contempt liable for punishment under Section 12 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971.

6. After hearing learned counsel for the parties, the Court has perused the record.

7. The record shows that earlier vide order dated 18.07.2024, the applicant was transferred from DO Aligarh to DO Azamgarh, against which the interim order was passed. Challenging the transfer order dated 06.03.2026, and also the consequential orders dated 18.03.2026 and 19.01.2026, the applicant filed Writ A No. 8043/2026, which was disposed of by the writ Court vide order dated 25.05.2026 with a direction to decide the representation of the applicant. The record further reveals that the representation has already been decided vide order dated 19.08.2026 and thereafter, the transfer order has been passed on 19.08.2026. The record further reveals that in Writ A No. 14629/2026, the writ Court, while granting time for exchange of affidavits vide order dated 28.09.2026, has clarified that pendency of the writ petition shall not impede any action or proceedings against the applicant. The said order was challenged by the applicant by preferring Special Appeal No. 1187/2026, which was dismissed as withdrawn vide order dated 22.10.2026.

8. In view of the aforesaid facts & circumstances, since the order dated 30.07.2024 is for the limited purpose and none of the subsequent orders passed were passed in continuation of the order dated 30.07.2024, no case for contempt is made out against the opposite party(s) for willful disobedience of the writ Court order.

9. In view of the above, the contempt application is dismissed.

(Piyush Agrawal,J.)

October 29, 2026
Amit Mishra

Digitally signed by :-
AMIT KUMAR MISHRA
High Court of Judicature at Allahabad