



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

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COCP No.2852 of 2022 (O & M)**Date of decision :-22.09.2025****Bhupinder Punj****.....Petitioner****Versus****Sh. Damanjit Singh Mann, Secretary Transport Authority, Ludhiana
and another****.....Respondents****CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE NIDHI GUPTA**

Present:- Mr. Ranjit Singh Ghuman, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Manmeet Singh Teji, AAG Punjab
for respondent No.1.

Mr. Deepak Arora, Advocate for respondent No.2.

NIDHI GUPTA J. (Oral)

The present contempt petition has been filed alleging violation of order dated 28.4.2016 (Annexure P-2) passed by a Predecessor Bench of this Court in CWP No.25990 of 2015 titled as “Ludhiana Auto Rikshaw Association (Regd.) vs. State of Punjab and others”, whereby the following direction was issued :-

“....In view of the aforesaid discussion, the present petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to the official respondents that they would not give any permit to the maxicabs for the purpose of plying as an auto-rickshaw in the city of Ludhiana as the maxicab is the vehicle which can carry more than 6 passengers. There shall also be no registration of sale and purchase of the maxicab in District Ludhiana and the permits which have been inadvertently granted to the maxicabs, as admitted by the official respondents,



shall be cancelled within a period of one month from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.”

Despite repeated queries from this Court as to how the present contempt petition is maintainable against an order dated 28.4.2016 in the year 2022 being barred by limitation, learned counsel for the petitioner is unable to give any satisfactory reply on the said limitation point. Learned counsel for the petitioner is also unable to inform as to his locus in filing the present contempt petition as to in what manner and how is he aggrieved; or as to what kind of transport business is being run by the petitioner.

After arguing for some time, learned counsel for the petitioner admits that in the reply dated 24.9.2024 filed by way of affidavit of Shri Kuldeep Bawa, PCS, Regional Transport Officer, Ludhiana, it has been admitted by the respondents that any permits issued prior to passing of order dated 28.4.2016, which were in violation of the said order have also been withdrawn and therefore nothing survives in the present contempt petition.

In view of the above noted facts, the present contempt petition is hereby **dismissed**.

Rule stands discharged.

Pending application(s), if any, shall stand(s) disposed of.

September 22, 2025
Vijay Asija

(NIDHI GUPTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes / No
Whether Reportable Yes / No