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

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Date of decision: 26.08.2025

VIJAY KUMAR

....Petitioner

Versus

TEJVEER SINGH, IAS AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SUDEEPTI SHARMA

Present: Mr. H.S. Oberoi, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Deepender Singh, Addl. A.G, Punjab.

SUDEEPTI SHARMA, J. (Oral)

1. The present contempt petition has been filed for deliberate and intentional disobedience of order dated 12.12.2024 passed in CWP-33633-2024.
2. The relevant portion of the order dated 12.12.2024 is reproduced as under:-

“However, the respondent No.2 is directed to lawfully decide the representation (dated 12.12.2024) filed by the petitioners, today itself. The respondents concerned are also directed, that as and when municipal elections are conducted to the Municipal Corporation concerned, thereupon the respondents concerned, shall ensure that complete compliance is made to guidelines issued by the State Election Commission, Punjab, relating to elections are conducted to the Municipal Corporation concerned, thereupon the respondents concerned, shall ensure that complete compliance guidelines issued by the State Election Commission, Punjab, relating to videography of the nomination process till its withdrawal.



Chief Secretary, Government of Punjab, is directed to circulate this order to all the Returning Officers concerned.”

3. The dispute in all the writ petitions was regarding the process of conducting elections for the posts of Councillors/Members of the Municipal Corporations, Municipal Councils, and Nagar Panchayats in the State of Punjab.

4. Learned counsel for the respondents contends that against the judgments passed by this Court, SLP (C) No. 3894-2025 was filed and Hon'ble the Supreme passed the following order:-

“7. Keeping in view the peculiar facts and circumstances, both sides have fairly agreed to deviate from the settled prescribed procedure so that a Fact-Finding Commission can be constituted limited to the sub-judice constituencies. Liberty to submit claims shall be limited to those who have either approached the High Court or this Court by way of special leave petitions/intervenor applications.

8. It goes without saying that the appointment of the Fact-Finding Commission will not be a precedent. We appoint Hon'ble Ms. Justice Nirmaliit Kaur, former Judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court to perform the above illustrated task, preferably on day-to-day basis and submit a report at the earliest. It is clarified that we have not expressed any opinion on the merits of the issues, which are kept open.

9. The learned Judge shall be paid by Government of Punjab an honorarium of Rs.5 lakhs per month besides an official vehicle and full secretarial assistance as per the requirement. Similarly, the learned Judge shall be entitled to engage a retired Judicial Officer of

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her choice and one Private Secretary to assist in day-to-day functioning.

10. The Punjab Government shall provide a suitable office space in a Government Building in Chandigarh of SAS Nagar, Mohali to convene the proceedings.”

5. In view of the decision of Hon’ble the Supreme Court referred to above, the contempt is purged. Rule is discharged.

August 26th, 2025*Gaurav Arora***(SUDEEPTI SHARMA)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes/No*
Whether reportable : *Yes/No*