



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

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COCP No.1650 of 2025 (O & M)

Date of decision :-10.07.2025

Priya Saini

.....Petitioner

Versus

**Dr. D.K. Tiwari, I.A.S., Principal Secretary, Department of
Transport, Punjab Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh and others**

.....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE NIDHI GUPTA

Present:- Ms. Sukhvir Gill, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Manmeet Singh Teji, AAG Punjab
assisted by Shri Rajpal Singh Sekhon, Regional Transport
Officer, SAS Nagar, Punjab.

NIDHI GUPTA J. (Oral)

Prayer in this petition is for initiation of contempt proceedings against the respondent(s) for not complying the order dated 17.2.2025 (Annexure P-1) passed by a co-ordinate Bench of this Court in CWP-1841-2025 titled as “Priya Saini vs. State of Punjab and others”.

In compliance of last order dated 28.5.2025 passed by this Court, the respondents are present in the Court.

It is submitted by learned counsel for the petitioner that vide order dated 17.2.2025 passed in CWP-1841-2025 titled as “Priya Saini vs. State of Punjab and others”, the petitioner was granted interim relief in same terms as in Civil Writ Petition No.25121-2023. The interim direction dated 07.11.2023 (Annexure P-2) granted in the said CWP-25121-2023 reads as follows :-



“xxx xxx xxx

In the meanwhile, the effect and operation of orders dated 25.8.2023 and 29.8.2023 shall remain stayed. Petitioner shall be allowed to continue.

xxx xxx xxx”

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in pursuance of the said order, the petitioner had duly reported for joining on 18th and 19th of February, 2025 but she was not allowed to join work at her seat and the petitioner was made to sit outside on bench for whole two days and was told by respondent No.4 that they have no instructions to let her join. In support of her submissions, learned counsel for the petitioner has appended her attendance register (Annexure P-2). Further submits that petitioner shall report for duty tomorrow itself and she may be permitted to join duty without any obstruction from the respondents.

Learned counsel for the respondents-State refers to the reply dated 03.7.2025 by way of affidavit of Shri Rajpal Singh Sekhon, PCS, Regional Transport Officer, SAS Nagar to submit that as on date, the respondent No.4-RTA stands suspended vide order dated 07.2.2025; and the present incumbent Shri Rajpal Singh Sekhon, Regional Transport Authority, SAS Nagar is present in the Court. It is pointed out that the petitioner has not come to the office after 19.2.2025. Learned counsel for the State, on instructions, undertakes that there shall be no impediment on behalf of the respondents in case the petitioner now joins the service.

Learned counsel for the State further refers to the order dated 07.11.2023 passed in CWP-25121-2023 (at page 12 of the paper book) wherein liberty has been granted to the respondents to conduct enquiry. It is pointed out that as stated in para 12 of the reply dated



03.7.2025, there are three vigilance complaints pending against the petitioner. It is submitted that the respondents be allowed to conduct the said enquiries against the petitioner in terms of the order dated 07.11.2023 passed in CWP-25121-2023. It is additionally pointed out by learned State counsel that in the first enquiry i.e. Vigilance Complaint No.651/2023, enumerated in para 12 of the reply dated 03.7.2025, upon enquiry, vide report dated 03.7.2025, the petitioner has been held guilty.

Be that as it may, needless to say that in terms of order dated 07.11.2023 passed in CWP-25121-2023 titled as “Deepak Sharma vs. State of Punjab and others”, the respondents are at liberty to continue with any enquiries pending against the petitioner. Further, in view of the undertaking of learned counsel for the petitioner that the petitioner shall report on duty tomorrow i.e. 11.7.2025; and the fact that learned counsel for the State, on instructions has also given undertaking that there shall be no impediment in permitting the petitioner to join the duty tomorrow i.e. 11.7.2025, the present petition stands **disposed of**.

Rule stands discharged.

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

July 10, 2025
Vijay Asija

(NIDHI GUPTA)
JUDGE

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