

111 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

COCP No. 2109 of 2020  
Date of Decision: 14.10.2020

Ashok Kumar Parinja and Ors. ...Petitioners

vs.

Sarvjit Singh, IAS and Ors. ...Respondents

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.S. Walia.

Present: Mr. Rakesh Sobti, Advocate for the petitioners.

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B.S. Walia, J. (VC)

1. Case is being taken up for hearing through Video Conferencing due to the outbreak of pandemic Covid-19.
2. Prayer in the Petition under Section 12 of the Contempt of Courts Act, 1971 is for initiating proceedings against the respondents for deliberately and intentionally disobeying order, Annexure P/1 dated 16.03.2020 in CWP No.6764 of 2020, in case titled as 'Ashok Kumar Parinja and Ors. v. State of Punjab and Ors.
3. Learned counsel contends that vide order (Annexure P-1) dated 16.03.2020, CWP No.6764 of 2020, was disposed of by directing respondent No.1 to decide legal notice dated 24.01.2020 by passing a speaking order within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of the order, but despite lapse of sufficient period of time, needful has not been done till date.
4. Notice of motion.
5. Mr. Aditya Sharda, Asstt. AG, Punjab, who is present, accepts notice on behalf of respondents and on instructions from the aforesaid respondents states that the needful could not be done due to circumstances

prevailing on account of Covid-19 pandemic but in case some more time is granted, needful would be done and orders passed in respect thereto, would be conveyed to the petitioners.

6. The same satisfies learned counsel for the petitioners.

7. Accordingly, in view of the statement of learned counsel for the parties, the Contempt Petition is ***disposed of*** as not calling for any orders except for directing respondent No.1 to decide the claim made in the legal notice dated 24.01.2020 in accordance with law, within 04 weeks from today and convey the decision in respect thereto, to the petitioners within 01 week thereafter. However, it is made clear that in case the needful is not done within the stipulated period of time, the petitioners would be at liberty to move an application for revival of the Contempt Petition.

**(B.S. Walia)**  
**Judge**

14.10.2020

'Rajneesh-Amit'

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