

COCP No. 320 of 2010

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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

COCP No. 320 of 2010
Date of decision:- 19.7.2010

H.C. Arora

.....petitioner

vs.

S.C. Aggarwal and another

.....respondents.

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HEMANT GUPTA

Present: - Petitioner in person

Mr. S. S. Sahu, AAG, Punjab

HEMANT GUPTA, J (ORAL)

This Court on 10.8.2009, directed the State of Punjab to publish the Rules, Regulations, Instructions and Manuals updated as referred to in Section 4 (1) (b) (v) of Right to Information Act, 2005 as early as possible but not later than six months from the said date.

The grievance of the petitioner is that all the Rules, Regulations, Instructions and Manuals have not been published on the websites and therefore, the respondents are in contempt.

An additional affidavit dated 17.7.2010 of Sh. S.C. Aggarwal, IAS, Chief Secretary to Government of Punjab has been filed in Court wherein it has been pointed out that on 12.5.2010, in a meeting 47 Administrative Secretaries were directed to reverify the contents of RTI website pertaining to their respective departments

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and furnish fresh certificates of compliance. Such certificates have also been appended with the affidavit. It has also been pointed out that uploading of upto date relevant records is in a continuous process and Administrative Secretaries have been directed to make all efforts for strict compliance of Section 4 (1) (b) (v) of Right to Information Act, 2005.

Mr. Arora, the petitioner states that the website is still incomplete and many Rules and Regulations are still to be published on the websites as not more than 20-25 percent of the Rules have been published on the website. Since, the respondents have furnished a certificate of compliance of the provisions of the Act, I do not find any reason to continue with the present petition.

However, it shall be open to the petitioner to point out any deficiency in respect of any Rules and Regulations or Manuals to the concerned Administrative Secretary which have not been put on the website for immediate compliance by their respective departments.

In view of the above, the present contempt petition is dismissed.


(HEMANT GUPTA)
JUDGE

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No need to issue order
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